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THE SOUTH CANAAN SNAKE

A ROD AND A HALF OF HIS REMAINS FOUND IN A HOLLOW TREE

Some 7 or 8 years ago an astounding snake story came from south

Canaan, Litchfield County and it was copied farom both in this county

About the time refered to, much alarm was manisfied along

and Europe

the Houstonic railroad by the appearance of a great snake. The reptile

seem to make its home in a dense swamp near the railroad track. It had

been seen by different persons and the stories of those who saw it were

, despite the earnest protestations of the truth of their

laughted at

talents. Again the reptile was shot at by hunters but it always managed

the Housatonic railroad was throught the swamp

to get away. The bak of the.

of a passanger train saw a long black

early one morning the

object lying across the rails. While the speed was slacking the engineer

saw that it was the snake about which so much had been said

, and he

pulled the throttle open again, intending if possible to run it down and

but just before the enginneer reached it the end of the

cut it in two

tail slid off the rail and into the swamp. For 4 or 5 years ago two men

were diding in a buggy along a road which skirted the swamp and saw a

dark object lying across the roadway, As they neared it, it began to

then it was discovered to be the famous snake.

wriggle slowly away

It slowly disappeared into the deep underbrush and the men were certain

from the measurement of the ground where they first saw it stretched

out that it was over 20 feet in length. Parties were organized to hunt

the reptile down but without sucess and the interest in the snake died

out. Some imiganed that the snake had found his way to the Housatonic

River and escaping death and drowing there to the ocean and become

a vernable sea serpent. Others held that the snake had take to the

mountains.

On Saturday two men named Kelly and Smith both well and favorably

known to the neighbor hood went into the swamp with a yoke of oxen and

the ground being frozen so hard that there

a sled to get a load of wood D

was no difficulity in passing over any portion of it in safely, which

. After a little while they came to a large
it would be impossible
button wood tree which had decayed and fallen the ground. They discovered
that it was hollow and in order to handle it, asily, they applied a
After sawing nearly through one part of it, the
woodman saw to it
saw grated as though it had struck a stone. They split the tree and to
the obstacle the saw had struck proved to be a
their astonishment "
bone. They open the tree as fa as they could and found bones, the
length open being 21 feet and the remains proved to be those of a
monstrous reptile so often seen but never captured.
The largest bones measured 6 inches in diameter. The tail of the
snake was found wedded in the upper part of the tree, There is no
doubt that the large tree house the snake which for many years . It
is believed that the last time he was chased some 4 years ago he
sought refuge in the tree ans never came out again.
The bones and other reamains have been preserved and will be sent
to the Society of Natural Science with a history of the case.

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San Francisco Examiner, Calif.
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new organization are a complete wreck and in the terrine yesterday Trom, Mine williams Kang Foo, Kwan Bow compact were telescoped, crushing and telegram read as follow..
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About sixty Injured aro bein
rdly keep themselves crowded into the hospital or are being
ew two-bit fees they cared for by the people in the vicinity
suggested, too, that of the disaster.

Many Injured Will Die.

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etermined.

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of the police

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that they had secreted several place

Tracks of Enormous Reptile, Terror of of silver in boxes and paper bundle
Alexander Valley, Been Again.

which they evidently intended carryin

How many of those injured will re-special Dispatch to "The Examiner."

out at an opportune moment. TE

cover. not known, but it la thought SANTA ROSA. July 31-Tracks of Chinese also had hidden appone,
knife

that a number are fatally hurt. It the great shake that for years has in and forks and other allverware
seem impossible at this moment to get habited à section of Alexander Valley, rafters and crevices of
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Alexander Valley saw the momater, Chinese were not about

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Coeur d'Alene at 1885 p. m., and Just an enormous reptila. Occasionally an on Wednesday whine

reached Coldwell when. It met. No. 6; farmers have bad calves and Cheep detectives, were waiting

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killed mysteriously and their deathsuspects were marched

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St-Framels

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were crushed and shattered. Men and Now Heir Came in Chicago to the found After a

oben were thrown, from their seats,

some, being hurled to the top of the special blessed wire, the longest in the

coaches, while others were sent onlying

CHICAGO, July 31-There la .new

through the windows, Several of, the minion donar baby in Chicard. Mr

Sure Guests Are Innocent

coaches left the track and passen- and Mrs. Samuel K. Martin, Jr. are re-

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San Francisco Examiner

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Ha, reported, back the Bill.relater to

gton Market Company, which was

sed, and without action the House

fe-Barder's and Buicides.

lo), April 19-Leonard Stroud,

55, fatally stabbed his wife on

other lady in the village

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Judge Delmar oyed the speaker in aston

Who is she?" he asked, eagerly.

Blanche Conway, was the quiet reply.

The old gentlemen sprang to his feet."

STOCKTON, April 19 A large and enthusiastic

meeting of the First. and Third Ward Working-ment

men, was held last evening. The meeting was held for the purpose of nominating candidates for Councilmen, and School Trustees. The following persons were nominated: First Ward For Councilman, D. J. Oullahan and A. Estom for School Trustee, J. J. Houche, Third Ward For, Councilman, W. F. Freeman and DC Matteson; for. School Trustee, Wm. McCurdy. will be nominated Saturday evening.. Marry that beggar " he shouted. "Wed girl who works six hour in the twenty-four for less than & wood-awyer's pay! By Heavens, if you ever mention such a thing again in my presence I'll disown you!"

A teacher isn't a beggar," said Laurence, and then cut his own throat, dying in The Second Ward and the balance of the ticket roll. "Don't you remember what you said in.

note. Mrs. Stroud died at noon to trouble was caused by a dispute about.

April 19. The Tribune's Cleveland The tragedy at Troy, Ohio, was terrible that ever occurred in, that loud had left his wife because they lost their children; but, coming back he demanded something to eat, and when he brought it he plunged a butcher-knife into her abdomen twice turning it around making a wound of over four inches broke loose and ran, screaming "Murder!" she fell, her, bowels protruding.. He deliberately cut his throat and windpipe. The excitement is in only Stroud's impending death proceeding by infuriated neighbors. He felt agony. Mrs. Stroud is still alive. April 19.- Henry M. Walter to: wife's throat from ear to ear with a knife he severed his own wind-pipe, Both jealousy is ascribed as the cause. Killing at Montreal.

, April 19. There were several encounters between: Orange Young Britons and Catholics to-day in this city. An the Brits marching. to, church- this forenoon, a mob was pursued into. Notre Dame church, where some fighting occurred, Mrs. Lara, who attempted to shut the door, was badly beaten. There was, at the eleven o'clock to-night in Victoria until a posse of police ended the disturbance. An artillery volunteer

Stone throwing and platol shoved
Cola, received seven wounds, and
Martin was dangerously wounded in
Several large plate glans windows
cleared the streets of the disturbing
The police are out in strong force.
Considerable party feeling exists aris
the trials going on of those who took
to shooting affray in the city.
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at Queenstown, yesterday, steamer
n.New York.

mmissioner Geo. W. Blunt died at
yesterday evening.

From Blackburn, England, announces
operatites are now on strike there.

McEvoy, who killed Mayor J. J.

Grantville, S. C., April 12, 1876, was
terday..

ambery (negro) was hanged yesterday
rder of Parker, at Amsterdam, N. Y.,
bar lait

Benson, an old South street merchant
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California, baving taken out a large
early settlers, and acted a leading
he settlement of Oregon.. He also
the guano-deposits of the Pacifio.
Oregon Aairs.

D, April 19-A little daughter of
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TONIO (Texas), April 19,-Rellable in-
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Land Decision Armed,
WASHINGTON, April 19
The Secretary of the
Interior to day affirmed the decision of the General Land Office in the matter of surveys of various derivative claims confirmed, to Brackett, Cornwall, Vasquez, Watkins and Gormley, situated within the exterior limits of the Soule-Jale Grant, and comprising an aggregate of about 12,000 acres of valuable land in Marin county. Klot at Blamannan, Scotland.

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the last school report, about the moral grandeur of the position? Now I think of it, it was your anegyric which caused me to notice her."
"Are you intimate with her?" asked the Judge. He tried to speak calmly, but his voice trembled with passion.
I think I may venture to say that I am," answered his son....

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holstars, belle,

"And you are determined to marry her?"

Just, as soon I can without hurrying matters," was the candid reply.

"Then," said the enraged parent, resuming his seat, to-morrow morning you leave this house forever."

LONDON, April 19-A serious riot occurred to day at Slamannan, near Glasgow. Some miners, on strike, attacked the Sheriff's officers, who were serving notices of ejectment. Several houses were wrecked, and telegraph lines destroyed. Marine Intelligence....

for

San Pedro California heeled: The bark Don Nicholas arrived this morning, nineteen days from San Francisco.

A Big Snake Story

(Antioch Ledger.)

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At what time am I to start?" asked Laurence.
who feared he was to be deprived of his morning
You may choose your own time, provided
you keep out of my sight," was the stern reply.
Thanks for your consideration," said Lau-
rence; and bidding his angry sire good-night, the
thoughtless fellow went yawning to bed.

The next morning, after removing his personal
effects to the hotel, he proceeded to the nearest
recruiting office and deliberately enrolled his name
among the defenders of his country. Then he
atrolled leisurely to the home of his affianced and
hang the door-bell. It was a holiday
ject of his affections answered
person. She looked prettier than ever in for mard of Emperat
plainty morning-wrapper, he thought, and his,
heart amote him for having called at so early and according to law, taken
hour to trouble her with business matters. There
was to help for it, however, aud.after they were
seated alone in the humble sitting-room, he came
at once to the point by inquiring how long it
would take ner to arrange matters for flier wed
TO. Carter and Daniel Cleaves, residents of
Antioch, and gentlemen well known in this
county, while riding horseback. in the Diablo
Hills, near Round Valley, last Tuesday, were
made to realize that something unusual lay in
the path they were pursuing, by the peculiar ac

tions of their steeds, which suddenly refused to go forward, and nearly unseated their riders. Aiding moment's investigation of the cause revealed to them the fact that a monster snake lay in a semi-dormant state a few feet ahead of them. Scarcely believing their eyes did not deceive them, Carter, who had hot gun, emptied the content of both barrels, aiming at the head of the serpent, which straightened itself in the thro

When assured

It's too bad to bother you, I know, he remarked, apologetically, Blanche raised her eyebrow in surprise I hate to hurry you, but, confound it, everybody seems bent upon hurrying me, and I am obliged to disturb others. Little difficulty occurred last night between father and myself! Nothing serious he added, observing to leave home this morning, so I enlisted a moment ago, and I thought if we could be married before I joined, my regiment it would be better for us both.

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its length to be. 31 feet the body was from three to four inches in diameter. The snake was of a greenish color, and had apparently just shed its winter coat. The fact that no larger a moin Blanche made her lover narrate the circumference of the snake species should exist in our county stances which had driven him to this desperate-seems almost incredible, yet Meers. Carter and extremity. At the conclusion of his story she clears both vouch for the accuracy of the mea-buried her face in her hands and wept bitterly aurement, and assure us the length above given in without exaggeration.

The Hiver filling Up.

(Sacramento Bee, April 17.1.

Steamboat men are already beginning to experience some trouble in navigating the water of the Sacramento river, and it is thought that during the coming Summer months there will be considerable trouble on account of the shoals and bars which always form during Winter when the river is high. At place below Clarksburg known to river men Long Reach the channels in many places and the

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Nonsense Blanche said Laurence, cod-
posedly, she lifted her benderly to a sekt on him
knee, don't cry; there's no need of worry!
my account; I've joined a cavalry regim
won't have to walk; no che
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My when we shall be married
We ought never to think of
while your father hates
You are not going to
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San Francisco Examiner, Calif
r clatters across the gunwale
he mailman's nose. The steers-
shoulder torn by the third.
er swings his rifle and lets go
t forest. He can't see a thing.
Lo scare them off.
the steeraman has slipped over-
hanging to the canoe his green
w the gunwale.
no yells of triumph. no war

The river is smooth
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eam with a long spear stick-
And soon there is a V from
nk as a long-snouted alligator
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ey have plenty of mall, but a
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to a clue. But there was no
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f a mighty water god who was
ld span the river. fifty-five fert
ht He'd taken a tapir that
pounds The old man had seen
ra had been swallowed whole.
he look like? The old man
fell silent
morning they found a peculiar
towards the frantically
screaming goat
The hunter overcame
dreadful nausea and sight-
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carefully behind
the
head, fired There was B
horrible convulsion.
The other hunter pumped
.bullet after bullet into the
thrashing thing Great
bushes were ripped up by its
struggles and once two enor-
mous circles churned the
mud so that it few RCIO8S
the river.
Then the while belly
heaved a few times and col-
the
■ lapsed.
beastly head
snapping in the mud.
The reptile was forty-two
feet, three inches long.
I never believed they grew to that length
until I took this picture. There he is, and

by his head is the postman who fired first.
The old man who told about him toddled
down to the swamp And milk paced him
"This, young one," he said. "The great one,
his father, was MUCH larger."

But don't think that Auca spears, bush-
masters, Jivaro machetes and water boas
are all that our mail carriers have to put up
with.

I've heard it said that the seven plagues
of Egypt landed in the Oriente. For there
Senor Anopheles the malaria carrying mos-
quito takes his toll of every one who enters.
In some parts he accounts for fourteen out of
every thousand.

Then there blackwater fever that draws
all the blood from a man's body and turns it
Into black and stinking water. If a man is
lucky enough to get to a doctor before he dies
of that disease he'd better go home. He's
been warned. Few men in this world survive
two gues of blackwater

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heal, yawn smallpox and dysentery all ac-
count for delays in the Oriente mail.

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Burro and Boat Down the Amazon Water
ways Over Rocky Stream Beds, Through
the Land of the Lance-Throwing Aucas,
Man-Eating Boa Constrictors and Hungry
Crocodiles to the Region of the Head-
Hunting Jivaros. Deep in the Jungle,
Malarial Mosquito Killers Attack the
Postman Until Finally, the Letter Is
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Delivered.

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of yucca. They chew the root until it is a
Then they spit it into a cala-
fibrous wad.

bash and little sister stirs it up and picks out
the longer fibres while she adds a little water
to help fermentation.

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It is a strange and stimulating drink. They

wean their babies on it. And when the old
are ready to go they give them a shot
of chicha to help them along the dark tra
I'd scarcely recommend it to the
queasy
stomached traveller.
But the mail carriers are a race apart.
They're swashbuckling devils who'd spit
in your eye as soon as deliver your mail. And
the golden señoritas in the civilized parts re-
serve their most dazzling amiles for the mail-
men of the Oriente.
To take one off the route is to disgrace
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Portman Examined One of His Worst Enemies a Forty-two-Foot Boa Constrictor Which Had Eaten
Alive

Two Mail Carriers and Dozens of Natives.
By J. MORTIMER SHEPPARD,
Special Ecuadorian Correspondent for
The American Weekly
QUITO, Ecuador. May 14, 1942.

COME years ago James M. Cain wrote a
best seller called "The Postman Always
Rings Twice."

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Well, he doesn't, not always.
Some of our mail carriers, down here in
the Oriente, the Great Rain Forest of Eastern
Ecuador, don't ring at all They donde deve
to deliver the mail.
Over the most dangerous mail route in the
world they travel. And their lives are not
worth two cents postage.
Swinging catwalks over foaming torrents.
stinking swamps in the blind twilight of secret
rivers, are every-day obstacles to them. Head-
hunters, savage beasts, venomous reptiles and
malaria bearing mosquitos are shrugged off as

unimportant by our mailmen.

They aren't quiet. polite men in nice gray uniforms. but tough, hard-eyed hombres with battered hats cocked over their ears and guns in their fists.

There are nearly 50,000 square miles in the provinces of Pastaza and Santiago Zamora, peopled by more than fifteen tribes of Indians who would rather take a mailman's head than eat.

Seven years ago the President of Ecuador, realizing the enormous potentialities of the lush and abundant territory across the Andes. encouraged immigration by offering free land to settlers. To facilitate commerce a law was passed that from this entire region mail would be carried by the Government free of all charge and postal tax.

There are no post offices beyond railhead. Sometimes a letter travels for weeks before it reaches its destination, and changes hands a dozen times.

The route starts from Ambato in the Andes, linked with Guayaquil and Quito by rail. There the bags are wrapped in rubberized ponchos to protect them against the hazards of rapids and the ceaseless rain of the Great Forest.

Some go by truck to Banos, thence along the Pastaza, tributary of the Amazon. Roadhead is Puyo. the last post office

There mail is sorted again. Some is packed on burros for the rocky trail to Tena. Some is loaded in canoes for the runs down the Pastaza, Curaray and Napo Rivers to the mighty Amazon, to be delivered to lonely haciendas hundreds of miles from civilization After Puyo comes Jivaro country. You've heard of them, they're the ingenious little guys who take heads and shrink them to the sizes of oranges.

There's been a lot of talk about the secret method of making taantsas, as the shrivelled heads are called. It's no secret at all, every village knows how, and each village has a different method from the next.

The usual way is to take out the bones. sew up the mouth and eyes and fill the mask with hot atonds. They are poured out and cold water dropped in; that shrinks it a bit. The skin is rubbed with astringent herbs that help shrink and tan at the same time. Some-

times the scalp is split up the back, but the best ones are whole.

But the Jivs, are not so bad, they often visit the large towns to trade. They don't like to be interfered with, that's all. And our mailmen know that. They treat them with respect

As a matter of fact the only thing the will not take from any man is an insult to his women. The slightest offense to one whether an ancient biddy of eighty or a tiny tot of eight will bring swift and horrible death, as too many gold panners and rubber hunters have found out.

him.

Another clatter across the right under the mailman's nose. The man yells, his shoulder torn by the rifle. The carrier swings his rifle into the silent forest. He can't see but he hopes to scare them off. Meanwhile the steersman has slipped board and is hanging to the canoe face well below the gunwale.

There are no yells of triumph whoops, only silence. The river but for that blood-leaking bundle over downstream with a long splash ing out of it. And soon there is under the bank as a long-anointed steams out after the blood scent.

All companies have concessions

The Canelos, they are river men mostly if the the them, but City , are friendly, and they are used as canoe men for the mail carriers. They manage those forty foot balsa wood dugouts through the most dangerous rapids. shoving them along with pole and paddle through any kind of stream.

But they have to pass the Aucas.

It happens like this. The mail carrier sits amidships in his canoe, a Canelo poler in the bow, a paddler in the stern. He squats, rifle across his knees, snatching a bite when he dares take his eyes off the dense jungle on either side

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science, together with an acquaintance with their own

The travellers will be divided into several

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groups-natural sciences, history, ethnography, &c., and

each section will be placed under the leadership of some

well-known specialist. The success of the botanical and

geological excursions, which were organised during several

summers by the members of St. Petersburg and Moscow

Societies of Natural Sciences, lead us to expect that the

new enterprise will be successful.

PESHEVALS AND MACLAY The Russian Geogra

phical Society has received telegrams from Cel. Presheval

sky, dated Fort Alexandrovsky, announcing that the

traveller is now recovering from an illness, and will

continue his journey to Tibet, and from Dr. Nillaka

Maclay, announcing his return from New Guinea to

Singapore.

SEA TRADE WITH STRERTA-We learn that several

Bremen and Moscow merchants have formed a company

for sex trade with Siberia. A large steamer, with two

barges and a small river steamer on board, will start from

Entmen in July next for the mouth of the Ob or of the

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during his residence as Consul at Kuldja. The old
medal of Count Latke was awarded to Capt. Rykachelp
of the Physical Observatory of St. Petersburg, for his
researches into the distribution of atmospherical pressure
throughout Russia. Small gold medals were awarded to
M. Marx for ten years' meteorological observations at
Yeniseisk, and to Col. Tillo for his levelling between the
Aral and Caspian.

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RECENT communication from Frita Muller, of
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Garten contains a wonderful account of the supposed
existence of a gigantic earthworm in the highlands of the
southern provinces of Branil, where it is known as the
Minhocaa," The stories told of this supposed animal,
says Fritz Muller, sound for the most part so incredible,
that one is tempted to consider them as fabulous. Who
could repress a smule at hearing men speak of a worm
some fifty yards in length, and five in breadth, covered
with bones as with a coat of armour, uprooting mighty
pine trees as if they were blades of grass, diserting the

courses of streams into fresh channels, and turning dry land into a bottomless morass? And yet after carefully considering the different accounts given of the "Minhocao, one can hardly refuse to believe that some such animal does really exist, although not quite so large as the country

try folk would have us to believe

About eight

eight years ago a Minhocao appeared in the neighbourhood of Lages Francisco de Amaral Varella, about ten kilometres distant from that town, saw bearing on the bank of the Rio das Caveiras a strange nearly one metre in thickness, not

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son, who formerly lived in the same house. Herr Müller remarks that the appearance of the Minhocao is always supposed to presage a period of rainy weather.

In the neighbourhood of the Rio dos Papagaios, in the province of Paran, one evening in 1849 after a long course of rainy weather, a sound was heard in the house of a certain João de Deus, as if rain were again falling in a wood hard by, but on looking out, the heavens were seen to be bright with stars. On the following morning it was discovered that a large piece of land on the further side of a small bill had been entirely undermined, and was traversed by deep trenches which led towards a bare open plateau covered with stones, or what is called in this district a legenda."

At this spot

large heaps of clay turned up out of the earth marked the onward course of the animal from the legend into the bed of a stream running into the Papagales. Three years after this place was visited by Senhor Lebino José dos Santos, a wealthy proprietor, now resident near Curitiba. He saw the ground still upturned, the mounds of clay on the rocky plateau, and the remains of the proved earth in the rocky bed of the brook quite plainly, and came to the conclusion that it must have been the work of two animals, the size of which must have been from two to three metres in breadth.

In the neighbourhood, according to Senhor

Lebino, a Minhocao been seen seven times before.

A black woman going to draw water from a pool near a house one morning, according to her usual price, found

The whole pool destroyed, and saw a short distance an animal which she described as being as big as a house moving off along the ground! The people

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let or not he could not tell. He did not dare to seize it

ame, and whilst calling his neighbours to his assistance it vanished, not without leaving palpable marks behind it the shape of a trench as it disappeared under the earth. A week later a similar trench, perhaps constructed by the same animal, was seen on the opposite side of Lages, about six kilometres distant from the former, and the traces were followed, which led ultimately under the only roots of a large pine tree, and were lost in the

land, Herr F. Kelling, from whom this information was obtained, was at that time living as a merchant in Lages and saw himself the trenches made by the Minhocao. Herr E. Odebrecht, while surveying a line of road from Itajubá into the highlands of the province of Santa Catarina, several years ago, crossed a broad marshy plain traversed by an arm of the river Marombas. His progress here was much impeded by devious winding trenches which followed the course of the stream, and occasionally lost turned, when there is no wind and no one to direct. On hastening up to discover the cause, he found the surrounding earth in movement, and an enormous worm-like black animal in the middle of it, about twenty metres long and with two horns. As he said

In the province of São Paulo, as Senhor Lebino also states, not far from a certain spot that he called Charquirito, the Little Marsh, as it formerly called itself in it. At the time. Herr Odebrecht could not understand the one of these peculiar trenches, but is now inclined to believe that they were the work of the -Minhocap

About fourteen years ago, in the month of January. Antonio Jose Branco, having been absent with his whole family eight days from his house, which was situated on one of the tributaries of the Rio de Cachorrón, ten kilometres from Curitiba, on returning home found the road undermined, heaps of earth being thrown up, and large trenches made. These trenches commenced at the source of a brook and followed its windings, terminating ultimately in a morass, after a course of from 700 to 1,000 metres. The breadth of the trenches was said to be about 1,000 metres since that period the brook has flowed in the

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through the marsh into the bed of a stream

In the year 1846, Senhor Lebino was on a journey near Arapely, in the State of Uruguay. There he was told that there was a female armadillo seen a female out which had got me into a narrow cleft of a rock and so perched. It was said to be as thick as the bark of a pine-tree, and formed of hard scales like those of an armadillo.

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 the Minhocao in passing had torn off the back and pan
 of the wood, was said to be still standing and visible
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 places had come to see the devastation
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 Minhocao, and supposed the animal to be still living in
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 while to make further investigations about the Minhocan,
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THE ISLANDS OF ST PAUL AND AMSTERDAM

S is now well known, a French, expedition visited
these islands towards the close of 1574 for the pur-
pose of watching the transit of Venus across the sun on
December 9 of that year. M. G. de l'Isle accompanied
the expedition as botanist; Dr. Rochefort, with M. Velain
to assist him, were to look after the zoological and geo-
logical departments. M. Velain, who was
a pupil of Prof.

Lacaze-Duthiers has just

Zeofagie Expérimentale e Published, in the drehives de
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interesting account of these islands and their fauns, with,
in addition, a very detailed account of the collections of
shells made We are indebted to the extreme kindness
of M. Vélain for the excellent illustrations which accom
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the weather was so bad at the time that the collections
made were not numerous.

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ch the length of the skull itself. The presence of dam.org
lly rough protuberance of much smaller dimensions lower
nd down towards the nostrils, would incline to the suppi-
st that a second smaller horn was likewise present on
the elasmotherium.

The front view of the skull bears a general resem-
a, blance to that of a horse or a ruminating animal. The
the rear portion of the skull, however, shows the relationship
as with the rhinoceros, and this relationship, at least, to the
extinct rhinoceros, is still more strongly
evidenced by the bony partition dividing
the nasal cavity, a most peculiar and
characteristic anatomical formation, for
with the exception of these two animals,
all other mammals known to us possess
simply a cartilaginous division in this
cavity. The structure of the teeth (Fig.
2) presents, on the contrary, no points
of similarity with that of the rhinoceros.
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To judge from the skull in question
the elasmotherium was most closely
allied to the rhinoceros family, standing
between it and the horse. Its proper-

tions surpassed, however, those of any of its congeners, thus far known, existing or extinct. The proportions of the skull would point to a length of body ranging between 14 and 16 feet. With regard to the form of the beak and limbs, nothing. The nose was much narrower than that of the mammoth, while the eyes were larger, and the power of vision of the elasmotherium, therefore, was probably greater than those of the rhinoceros. Analogy with the contemporary rhinoceros and mammoth of the grinding surface of the (tural site). Siberia would warrant the supposition of the presence of shaggy coat of hair.

The absolute, as well as the comparative size of the cranial cavity would assign to the elasmotherium a low degree of intelligence. Dr. Brandt pictures it as an animal that

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enormous animals of great strength, but clumsy, awkward, finding it slow in its movements. It wallowed in the mud, rarely chewed its food of grass and tender. (wigs, and stretched itself to rest among the reeds or grass on the river's edge. From this apathetic condition it would be aroused only by the attack of a rival, of a mammoth, of a rhinoceros, or of some one of the great carnivorous animals. It would then rush enraged on its prey of that distant epoch.

adversary, and endeavour to lay it low with its formidable horn. The discoveries of remains of the elasmotherium show

it once wandered over the greater portion of Europe, from the Ural to the Rhine, and as far south as Sicily. It is also highly probable that later paleontological discoveries will show its existence in Asia, in company with other large mammals, whose remains have been so well preserved in Siberia.

It was also in all probability contemporary with the men. Its remains occurring in the same

deposits, in which the anthropologist finds the dints of the stone

From their weapons the elasmotherium had probably little to fear.

Siberia, which describes the death of an enormous black mammoth. Brandt recounts a

animal that possessed, however, but a single horn, and that of such size that it could be transported on sledges only. Possibly a reference to the elasmotherium.

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in great disorder, while immense rocks were moved and

shifted their foundations so much, that in the following month of December, during one night, the road from Chichiguas and Cuchilla to San Rafael del Norte was destroyed by a multitude of cracks and clefts, which had suddenly opened. At that time the ground was observed to be undermined, falling in at intervals. These occurrences were observed some three days before M. Montenegro and his friends visited the place, which they saw all to be in accordance with the statements. Immediately on examining the locality for themselves they came to the conclusion that there were signs not of one but of two animals, probably of the shape of hnge shes Shaken out

In commencing their work these animals seemed to pursue a kind of an upheaving movement. As the bottom of their hiding place was loose, shifting ground, the surface of this was seen to give way, while trees were that and came down crashing The noise of this seemed to scare the animals away. One of them-believed to have been the male on account of its larger size and greater collections of bones, and other evidences of prehistoric small took to the left in desording but another direction with and along the slope of

with this interesting discovery Dr. banch here terminated. As it won In connectionradition of a tribe of Tartars in South hemich measured about the firs man.

UNDERGROUND MONSTERS

IN a former number (val xvii. p. 335) we gave some account of a curious underground monster the Minhocao, supposed toegem orir Dr. Spencer Baird, of the Smithsonian Institution, sends us an interesting document, which shows that the belief in such a monster is not confined to Tirazil, but is shared in by the people of de Nicaran for March to, Nicaragua.

1866, is a long letter etter signed "Paulino Montenegro, com taining a circumstantial account of an object possessing very much the same attributes as the Minhocao, The letter is dated Jinotega, Nicaragua, February 21, 1866. The writer states that he went to Concordia on private business, when he heard on the 17th of a serpent baving taken up abode the villame bill raving The in depth at its realest feet nipe parsed with his head underground. The thro, n-up 100 showed the tracks of

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behind a ridge more than one vara high Following th
ravine for a distance of about sixty varas it encountered
two deep ditches, when it turned and traced its way back
and, approaching the aforesaid ravine, took to the bed of
a pond and disappeared perpendicularly

The other animal, which left behind a smaller track,
and therefore was believed to have been the female, went
at once to the right, to the outlet of the pond of wale
before referred to, leaving behind it everywhere the same
marks as the other. When it reached the two deep
ditches it turned back also, and undoubtedly encountered
its companion afterwards

one place called La Cuchilla, within The whole ground had become irregularly disturbed
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reached the sphere the inhabitants of the neighbour-
hood had traced signs and tracks, which, M. Montenegro
states, positively prove his existence of such an animal
The most detailed account seated that here, some five
years before a sort of platform of about fifty varas
diameter had been formed at the of a large rock
cropping out from a hillside. One
neighbours

The animals seem to be covered with a akin clad with
scales or plates, the markings of which, Imprinted on the
soft clay or loam, bear much resemblance to those of the
garrobo in the mud. It appears that the shape of these
animals must be like that of the guapote. The Length
of the body is at least twelve varas, the height three, and
its thickness 15 varas

A tradition about such an animal as this has been kept
up unaltered, without contradiction, for more than a
hundred years. It is described in general as a large
had established there an orchard, though one had
been able to account for this new formation cesnake, and called "sierpe," on account of its extra-
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before, however, people began to observe this little piece of level ground was gradually deepening and that in the month of November the base of the rock adjoining it became exposed and worn from some agency, notwithstanding that there was not sufficient water to cause the phenomenon. At the same time mighty trees (rebles) were observed to become uprooted and to fall Kable, Spanish, means an oak. The same name is found through rious pers of Spe America, applied to trees belonging so very differeal to the Capul Form On the River Amale, in New Granda, South some external resemblance 17 an original Spanish species of bak. ordinary size, and living in chaquites One in said to been once killed by lightning the moment it had lending-place in the river "Sebaco viejo.

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Custry and the Australian Colonies, more especially

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rapidly manifested themselves. He died last month, the early age of forty-seven years. By his death there has passed from amongst us a true, most unselfish, and large-bearded man true friend, and a most agreeable companion. He was an accomplished geologist, a close and accurate mological observer, a thoroughly practical 398

Another route is sil Liverpool to Dublin, these are good boats. Lastly, to those who prefer a long sea-trip and can share the time, nothing is more pleasant than going from London to Dublin direct by steamer. So much for transit. As regards accommodation in Dublin, the Ex ecutive Committee have provided a very complete list of

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THE PENINSULA PYTHON
An Absolutely True Story
by ROBERT BORDNER

Rost the time the Peninsula Python first crossed
that Ohio field of sprouting corn before the
astonished eyes of Clarence Michell in the sum-
mer of 1944, until it holed up for the winter, presum-
ably under the overhanging banks of the Cuyahoga
River, it left many a mark o the face of the earth.
There were tracks like those of an auto tire"
scross the softness of hly tilled fields. There
wore tracks in the mud at the river's edge, There
were branches brokenwnd barle scued from tall trees
when it fell, frightened, before still more frightened-
beholders. His deepest mark was upon the people
of the wild, wooded valley between Cleveland and
Akron: his longest was a trail that circled the earth.
Clarence Mitchell was hoking his piece of corn
ground by the Everett swamp and the abun-
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would go over there with mo at all, he said.

"I thought they was acting kind of funny, bin I
din't pay it much mind. I don't know what made
me look up, but there, about fifteen paces away,
was the biggest snake I ever see, sliding along easy
and slow in plain sight on the bare ground.

"I just stood quiet, not aiming to attract atten-
tion. It seemed like ten minutes I watched, He
slid into the river, swam across, and climbed out
the other side, heading toward the yellow clay slip
on the nose of that hogback up Steele's Corners way.

"He was thick as my thigh, right here, and every
bit of fifteen feet long more like eighteen sort of
brownish spotted. I went over and looked at the
track. It was like you'd rolled a spare tire across
my field."

Young Mike Bobacek, who had the mules hitched
to the cultivator, working the field east of the river.
It was on Thanksgiving Hill, his 140-acre farm near Peninsula.
Ohio, that ROBERT BORDNER first beard of the giant python which
had been terrifying his neighbors. He promptly organized the
hunt, wrote the mayor's proclamation, and personally investigated
every clue as the huge serpent perambulated through the state.
His story is true in every particlar the only matter in doubt
being the present whereabouts of the intruder.
When not hunting pythons, Mr. Bordner divides his time
etween the (Ireland Press and the editing of a rural weekly, the
Brecksville News,

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said he saw Clarence light out for home
too saw the snake come out of the Vir, Long com
Nobody paid much attention to the tale except
the womenfolk, who canceled plans for blackberrying
thereabouts.

Ten days later, Paul and John Szalny fitted a field with disk and cultipacker in the morning. That is in Old Cassidy's Bottom, maybe two miles north of Mitchell's place, and only a couple of miles from Peninsula village. When they came back from lunch to seed the piece, there was a track "like from an au wavering from the overgrown, swampy a bed to the river, across the virgin seedbed, They word to Mayor John Ritch. With his police chief Art Huey, and the two assistant chiefs, Dale Hall and Dud Watson, the mayor investigated.

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"Nothing but a mighty big snake could have made that track," he said, officially.

Two mornings later the fire siren uncoiled its terrifying scream. It was the Roy Vaughn place up the hill east of the river. When the volunteers got there everybody was housed up tight, Mrs. Vaughn had seen the shake.

"I was up in the second floor of my hen house and looked out into the yard in back," she said. She showed them. "Right there was a great big snake trying to get through the woven wire fence, but he had a lump in him, big as a basket, and the lump wouldn't go through the fence. He reared up, climbed right over the top of that wire fence though and a half feet high. The last few feet of him over, plop a big plop on the far side and went down the ravine."

Mrs. Vaughn was no hysteric. There was caution on the wire. The weeds were broken at where pointed. A chicken was gone.

That settled it for those present, for them Peninsula Python became a sobering presence. Ilucy measured the distance Mrs. Vaughn said the snake had extended beside the fence. It was nine teen feet. Mayor Ritch, in a proclamation mobilized the men of Peninsula, set Sunday for the hunt. Cleveland Press and the Akron Beacon-Journal were impressed.

Theories flew. A circus had been in Akron month before. If a snake had escaped, the circus would have been damaged, because it might have been damaged, and a new snake would. Rakes cost \$10 a foot. The but admitted no escape.

Then it was remembered that the carnival caravan, lost, cut across of the trucks went wild on the Hill and was wrecked among the Pleasant Valley Cemetery at the bottom.

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that California trial of a man who had murdered
bis wife by sticking her foot into a box of rattlers,
And when the carnival python escaped at Long Beach
a few years ago, police called him and he captured
the 28-foot reptile under a wharf.

Carl had not been home in quarter century, but
when he read about the Peninsula Python, he hopped
a train. He no longer knew where his parents lived,
ist he found his Aunt Abbie Leo on the farm where
she and his Uncle Park had lived for fifty-three years,
Aunt Abbie let the stranger in. She was in the
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which his parents; gundy uncles, cousins, and former
neighbors were coming on the morrow. In no time
he had a plan, and bedded her nephew down for the
might.

Next day as some sixty guests arrived, Aunt Abbie
introduced the baldish, well-dressed stranger as Mr.
Smith. one knew him. "I had a funny feeling,"
aid Charles Scobie, his father, "but I couldn't tell
what was the matter. Then I was flabbergasted."

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So Carl Scobie took the field for two weeks armed
with nothing but a blanket. "You catch a big make
by letting him strike at the blanket. Then you just
wrap it around his head and he is harmle. This one
will weigh about 250 pounds. A half-dozen men then
can pick him up and carry him stretched out like
limber,

But Carl went home to Idaho in Stember with-
out the Peninsula Python.

The snake was reported a fow more times as the

loaves began to fall. The hunters never got word quick enough to see him and shoot, and he traveled too fast, when frightened, to trail. But with the first heavy frost, all trace of him was lost.

The posse watched the skies for the wheel of buzzards to lead them to his carcass, dead of cold. No buzzards circled. "He must have holed up under the overhanging roots of a big tree along the verba they reasoned

They are still waiting for the Peninsula Python to reappear.

"GERTIE IS ALL RIGHT"

by EDWARD W. RUSSELL

was a zebra in n Duke back yard which bit me into radar in 1989. Otherwise I should have known nothing about it. Zebra stallions are unsimon in our quiet English countryside. They are not, as zoologists would say, indigenous. But just before war broke out, it chanced that I was badly chewed by a vicious specimen and was rushed to the operating table of a hospital which- embarrassingly -specialized in maternity. After that, not even ndar surprised me very much.

In those early days, the War Office was besieged by volunteers, and officers were harassed. Perhaps that explains it.

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"What happened to you?" asked the man to whom my services, as he eyed my sling and band-I've been bitten by a zebra," I replied, believing.

Full Colonels.

quaintly, that one should always tell the truth to graduating from Cambridge University, EDWARD W Bwe established himself firmly in Fleet Street, where for six she was Managing Editor of the Morning Post. An encounter with a zebra realted in his being in a somewhat damaged condi pe at the outbreak of the war. For this and other reasons, be assigned to the Special Duties branch of the RAF Volunteer Reserve with results which this article delightfully discloses.

"This, he replied, reddening like a fighting fish

Go away!

that has just seen another, "is no time for levity!

I think he must have had ulcers:

I did not know the Wing Commander well, but we had sometimes had a drink together at the Club.

One night he tackled me before I had even had time to order. "Will you join the RAF tomorrow mom ing?" he asked abruptly.

"Does the RAF mind zebra bites?" I counter d still smarting from the Colonel.

"They need men so desperately for certain duties that you could have been sat on by un elephant for

all they care," he replied.

"There is no man in England," I protested, who knows less about the RAF than I do. I had planned to join the Army. I'm too old to fly. What do you want me to do?"

"It's so secret I can't tell you," he replied.

"How would I start?" I asked.

"Be at the Air Ministry at nine o'clock tomorrow and I'll send you in a car" he answered. "And can you bring two others with you?"

I sipped my drink and asked a few questions. It all seemed genuine enough and urgent.

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folk scrambled on hands and knees up banks of

poison ivy. Girls muddied white dresses in ditches.

Patches of hide were skinned off as men slipped in ravines or rolled into the creek,

In the bright June sunshine, through burrs and

briars, tangled in thornbush, trampling acres of al-

falfa and timothy, the hunters swirled. Meanwhile

Mayor Ritch was tracing the call. It was obviously

a hoax. But it took an hour to stop the hunt,

Reporters, editorial writers, cartoonists, and radia

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the taletellers. The believers, prid bruised, judg-

ment impugned, veracity questioned, decided to go underground.

"It won't be so funny if that snake gets a child

next; the jokers would be at to holler," Mayor

Ritch warned.

The believers felt cheated by the hoax because

Ganyard, the barber and world-champion still-hunter of foxes, found evidence that convinced him his posse had been close to the reptile when called off. The bunt was reorganized in the hands of the few, no more mass hunts, no more siren-blowing, no more information to the newspapers till the python was brought in dead. From then on, these men were out to kill: they wanted proof to fling at their detractors. Art Huey, the police chief, took charge. Earl Ganyard, most expert as a woodsman, was put on constant alert. Dale and Ray Hall and Dud Watson were reinforcements. They kept guns in their automobiles, and their automobile in constant readiness.

The rural operators of all surrounding townships were organized for swift transmission of new reports to the West Richfield telephone exchange. Huey and Ganyard kept themselves constantly available to the exchange, day and night. The strategy was to get to the scene before the frightened reptile had traveled too far.

Less than forty-eight hours after the Sunday fiasco, the new posse had its first test. It took place along the river two miles north of Peninsula, near Boston Mills.

Placid and practical Mrs. Pauline Ilopko had taken her pail and started down the canal to milk her cows in the pasture Tuesday morning. "The cows were fidgety and I had to tie them to the fence while I milked," she said. "Suddenly there was a crashing in the branches of a willow across the river. The cows jerked loose, breaking halters, and ran, bellowing, leaving me sitting with the pail. I looked over, and there was a snake with a head as big as a man's coming down out of that dead willow. The dogs cowered under my skirts, almost upsetting me." Bobbie Pollard came along the towpath on his bicycle and she sent him to telephone while she rounded up the cows to finish the milking. Bobbie neglected to phone, but came back with some more boys instead. Again they saw the make in a nearer tree across the river. But it was hour before the official snake posse was on the scene. They found freshly broken branches on the trees, loose bark newly scuffed off, tracks on the ground. But the ten-foot weeds, the rank vines, and the tangled flood-plain debris of the river bottoms defeated the hunt.

Two days later, four miles up Brandywine Creek Ernest Raymond sharpened his scythe and went to mow the fence row. "I noticed a root sticking up in the timothy field. I wondered how that stump got

there. Then I saw it move. The snake, coiled like a stump, had his head up looking around.

"I ran to the house for my shotgun and Ray Thompson, my son-in-law. When we came back he was still there, but he lowered his head before I could shoot. We could see the deep grass waving he went off."

They showed the posse a circle of matted grass in the field. Reporters found out about the incident and next day Ray Mitten of the Akron Beacon Journal was hunting Macedonia township in airplane.

Two days later Mrs. Ralph Griffin went to her back door to call her boy George. "I saw something man-high where the path enters the woods the back of the yard. It was like a man in a white shirt, till I looked good. It was the snake, reared up and looking around, his throat white and shiny. The posse hunted, but again without luck. Then the snake headed back down Brandywine to the Cuyahoga river bottoms. Mrs. Katherine Boroutick of Boston Mills saw him next. "I went out back of the house to throw some trash in the river. and just as I turned to come back, there was a crash in the butternut overhead. I turned just as the big snake fell with a thump not ten feet from me.

The posse found limbs the size of your wrist, broken and dangling, their leaves still green, thirty feet from the ground on that butternut tree, and again a track to the river.

By this time the fame of the Peninsula Python had spread around the earth. Boys from the valleys away at war, read about it in Yank, in ship papers at sea, everywhere. Their letters asking about the snake poured in from Iceland, England, the mandy beachhead, Italy, North Africa, India, Australia, New Guinea, the Pacific fleet, the Aleutian. And from Idaho Falls, Idaho, Carl Scoble came 2000 miles to help hunt the varmint. A Peninsula boy, he had gone West upon discharge from the Marines after World War I. For twenty-five years he had made snakes a hobby in the oil fields of Texas and Mexico and then in Los Angeles, where he was in real estate. For years he raised rattlers and sold them to a Michigan firm for use on horses in the making of anti-venom serum. He was the expert that California tried to put to death for his wife by sticking her foot in his mouth. And when the carnival python bit a few years ago, police called the 28-foot reptile under a window. Carl had not been home in

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Reynolds asked anyone finding the snake to
quiet. "Don't scare him. Telephone the location
to the Zoo and wait to show me. I will be there in
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By that time the radio newscasters were giving
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and just plain screwballs began drifting in, snooping,
Damans for capture were discussed at Scotty's
bar, Stebbins's grocery, Sovacool's store, Conger's
soda fountain, Earl Duffy Ganyard's barbershop.
Dud Watson contrived a large box with an eight-
inch hole for entry. He baited it with a hen. "He'll
in, gobble the hen, and be trapped by his break-
Pernel Andrews toted a clothesline prop. "I'll let
him strike at the pole, push it down his gullet so he
can't coil, and have him at my mercy.

JHL. Bower, the station agent, depended on the
charming effects of music. "Snakes love music.
Couple of the boys and me used it on hundreds in
West Virgining Wo would go along the creek, ono
awing the fiddle, t'ather whanging the banjo, and
me picking them off with my .22."

Pierce Monroe Metcalf, the expert frog hunter,
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explained the sneak-snatch method. "Quick throw
a leg over him and start steering. Like as not you
can ride him right into town bareback," he said.
Ray Hall, Civilian Defonse safety chief, liked the
stem-winder way. "All you got to do is keep a snako
from colling. I've used it plenty of times on big
blacksnakes You just grab them by the tail like
they was an old Model T Ford and crank. It bewil
ders them."

Dale, his brother, advocated self-service. "Grab
his tail, and when he strikes, just shove his tail
down his throat. He'll swaller hisself."

More people kept coming in for the hunt with

other ideas. But Mayor Ritch, scared at the sight of the assorted weapons, let out another proclamation: the only firearms permitted would be those in the hands of his politico and posse leader gar con bo a posse. There was danger the honders would Stone up themselves, especially in the excitement, if the snake were found.

On Sunday, June 25. the weather was beautiful. The church bells were ringing, worshipers were arriving, and Chief Hugy was marshaling a crazy assortment of men, boys, weapons, and adents in front of the barbershop, assigning each to a posse, giving final instructions.

Just then, neross the bridge into town, charged two companies of militia, bayonets fixed Captain William E. Morris explained that they know nothing of the snake hunt, but had camped up on Brewery Bill overnight and were "takmg" the town for practice

New paper, motion picture, and amateur photographers, together with reporters from the city newspapers, followed the posses deploying on the river bottoms, up ravines, through the woods. Women roads.

and children in cars tagged along, sticking to the It was nearly time for the churches to let out when the siren on the Town Hall howled the prearranged three long blasts. That meant the West Richfield telephone operator had a call the varmint had been located.

It was on the Hudson road, up east of Fr. Kelly's The mayor wrote the directions on the rehouse blackboard and headed for the sconer

The front doors of the churches were parted open with a rush; the devout had a good hendanud on the hunters. They piled into cars and, scattoring gravel: streamed up the hill.

That siren drained all the loose population of the township down into the village and upik Til

The posses broke from the woods to the south, jumped on the running boards of cars, roared into town, and, brandishing knives and clubs, whirled up the Hudson road.

At the scene, drivers were so anxious to get in on-the kill that they ditched their cars or abandoned them, doors open, in the middle of the road. Sunday pants were snagged on barbed wire and brush. City
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abreast, marched in solemn strides as they
passed and gazed upon the face of the
dead. During the night the electric and
calcium lights permitted this great human
tide of mourners, to continue their regular
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casion the wind was hushed as if in awe
of the dead figure, and no sound could be
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heard but the steady tramp of feet, it was
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held up his hand as a warning to his companions.

"Amor de Dios, sanor! On guard...there is devil's

work here," he whispered to Dr. Andreas Larsen, noted

Swedish anthropologist and leader of an expedition which

was working its way through the Maquiritare Indian

country, between the Orinoco and Ventuari rivers in South-
em Venezuela

Larsen, peering over Nunes' shoulder, saw in the grass

the body of a stalwart Indian, horribly twisted and broken.

As the others, rifles in hand, watched the surround-

ing jungle, the Swedish physician walked over to the body

and dropped to his knees. Although, like all medical men,

he was hardened to the sight of death in many forma, he

was nauseated by the spectacle before him.

The man's face

bore an expression

of intense agony.

and the doctor

examined the body,

It seemed "a R

every bone in it

had been crushed.

"It was the most

terrible thing I

ever Baw," Dr.

Larsen said, de-

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sometimes grows to a length of 30 feet and
is the most feared creature in all South America, must
crawl around some support before exerting its
suffocating pressure on the victims held in its coils.
Indian porters were chattering in nervousness and
Jungles turned on them and spoke sharply in their

held back and Nunes continued to speak
ily. Finally, one strapping buck came for-
at the body, and began to speak slowly,
phants, lustrating his meaning with gestures.
versation continued for some time while Dr. Larsen.
not familiar with the Maquiritare language,
waited for Nunes interpretation.
Finally the Peruvian waved the Indian back to hja
fellow porters and turned to Dr. Larsen.
"It looks bad, sanor. He tells me that this is the work
of the body-crushing snake men."
"Body-crushing make men ?" said the doctor. "I never
heard of them."
"Few have.. and lived to tell of it, senor," said Nunes.
"But I have heard rumors along the Rio Begro and up
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Intrigued by the mystery, Dr. Lanes determined to
solve it before he returned to civilisation Hu
brave warriors and well armed with blow uns
spears, while Nunes and the explorer had high po
rifies and automatic pistols.
Dr. Larsen recalled stories of the African natives of
the West Coast in their "Leopard Bociety," who are sald
to diagulas thermaelves with leopard skins and maul vic-
tims to death with Iron claws which were fastened over
their fingers. He wondered if something similar was going on
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them. As Dr. Larmen and Nunes watched, they writhed

several times around the terrified girl. Then, suddenly

leaping upright, they seized a huge liana vine, fully vo

Inches in diameter, and twisted the great vine, as strong an

the stoutest rope, half a dozen times around the girl's body.

One and of the lians was fastened to a distant tree, and

the others to a great oroa plece of mahogany, six feet

long. At a sign from the leader of the make worshippers,

the men eelsed the ends of the cross plecs and began a slow,

inexorable twisting of the llana rope.

Even as Dr. Larsen raised his rifle and aimed at the

leader's chest, he realised how the Indian whose body he

had found had met an agonising death.
Nunes and the doctor fired together and Chen, sap
ping their rifle bolts, pulled the triggers again and again.
The torturers, who survived, fled. The rescued girl was
taken back to her village and the story was reported to
the Venezuelan authorities.

"But," said Larsen, the other day, "I often wonder if
the snake men and their torture rope still prowl."

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with proper economies. Further they in-
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fast trains and reasonable tariffs, not pro-

hibitory as under former regimes, and a freight service adapted to the occasion in frequency, speeds and tariff. In other words the perishable fruits and vegetables of the South are made available in Northern markets with handsome profit margins to the growers, and these industries, and yet omnibuses have spread and increased enormously. North Carolina's shipment of strawberries this year was larger than ever before, reaching into several millions of boxes. A very few years ago several thousand boxes represented these shipments. pleasure to assault This condition of increase of product exports the Spanish tends from Florida to Virginia.

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ed from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per crate, according to quality and time the season.

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Several years ago Fritz Muller, a man of temperate habits living at Itajahy, Itra zil, sent a communication to the Zalogiche Garten describing the existence of a giant the earthworm in the highlands of the "The remark is frequently heard by southern provinces of Brazil, where it was known as the minborao.

described us to vary in length and 5 in Southern railway is now giving the public breadth gospel some at the very best facilities for rapid and comfortable or army overall verhuuren Cloth|comfortable traveling This is literally true. they were fluchtver and two know of no better service than this Cours of stream into dry threw is a great system is offering those who pass over its different lines. Elegant and comfortable turning lands into bottom less russes.

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ly crowded, going and coming, and some Don Francisco was a brave man, but times it is necessary to run them in two the bare rest man when he sees unexpected sections.

ly a large, weird animal, whether it be a pink elephant with a blue trunk or a minhocno, generally calls for help, and I did Don Francisco When help came, the animal had vanished, but the burrows it had made were there to testify, so the people believe abahoul and took him home. and gave him bromides to quiet his nerves A work later a similar trench, previously constructed by the same animal, was men on the opposite side of the town. about three miles distant from the first trench. and the traces were followed, which led under the roots of a large tree and were lost in the marshy land.

As long ago as January, 1964. Antonio Joso Branco, having been absent with his family for eight days, returned to his home, which was on one of the tributaries of the Riads Cachorros, five miles from

Curitiba and found the room under
It is expected that the West India
Islands will now become a favorite winter
resort for Americans, and the best facilities
will be offered from New York to
Tampa by the Southern railway.

"This is a matter of great importance
to North Carolina. For not only does the
immense traveling population pass through
the heart of the state, but the money paid
for improvements, to employees and for
taxes amounts to many millions a year.
This money is scattered from Charlotte to
Norfolk and Danville, Va., and it circulates
largely among the laboring classes.

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This commendation is merited. The very severe upon this.uthern is supplying its patrons with a superb service in every reject. Railroads are public benefactor not in any philanthropic renee, becau their own Kenerosity which h era, like the reet of mankind, are actuated largely by self interest. But there is no ency that equals them for the development of a country. Even at this very begant at a trial in followed his cours terminating in n mora after a course of from 700 to 1,000 yards. The breadth of the trenches was about three feet. The path of the animal lay generally bencati the surface of the earth, following the bet Several pine trees had been of a stream.

rooted up by its passage. One of the trees from which the mluhocno in pussing had torn off the bark is rahl to be 11 stand ing to bear witness to the truth of the atory. Hundreds of persons from ur rounding towns cane to see the devasta tion caused by the animal, which is still believed to be lying in n marshy pool at Water which at times 1 troubitet with moment Great Britain and Rusia are on the verge of war-the casus belli being a railroad concession in China, both coun tries striving for the control of the road The policy of regarding railroads a public enemies is the policy of killing the

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his efforts to track the monster, especially
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Later in the afternoon news was brought
from Arlpo that two children, Paul and
Rose Legrand, brother and sister, had been
lost, one on Saturday and one on that very
morning. In this instance the mother had
been the terror-stricken eye-witness of the
carrying off of her little boy, aged three
years.

It seems that while sitting in a state of
semi-stupor, mourning the loss of her little
daughter Rose, fire years old, who had dis-
appeared in the grounds round her hut Bat
urday at noon, without any traces being
found of her, she was startled by the
screams of her child Paul, who was playing
few yards from her Booted with horror,
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body of
colossal arake, which lided away with its
prey into the depths of the forest. A num-
ber of residents of the district, armed with
guns, to whose ranks now accessories were
continually coming, began to scour the
country after the snake, among them Jo
seph Concepcion and Paul Legrand, Sr.,
fathers of two child victims, on whose grim
features were written a queneless deter-
mination to wreak vengeance deep and dire
on the fendish serpont. Dogs were liber-
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denly appeared on the surface of the pool,
and two large and lustrous ores became
axed with diabolical gloam on the intruders
An angry hiss, like the plunging of a red-
hot beam into the pool, issued from the
hideous head. A muttered signal, and a
Tolley rang with reverberating echoes
through the caves. Largo stories fell upon
the jagged roof, and tho startled Gusoharos
flew wildly in all directions, uttering their
dismal screech. Tho Huilla had not
been killed by the bullets aimed at
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seemed to uncoil his length from the
depths of the pool, and with fully twenty-
five feet of his body raised and curved for
ward as if to dart at his assailors, he seemed
to be emerging from the pool.

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A few whispered words notified half the
party to aim at his head and the other half
at the central part of his body.

The second volley produced the desired
effect. The colossal snake leaped wholly
out of the pool, and with a few terrible
convulsions in which he lashed the water
and the floor of the cavern, he sank quiver-
ing to the ground, a third volley for a
quietus insuring his certain death. This
fact was then made sure of, and the caves
were soon invaded by the pursuers.

The monster was dragged out into the
level and found to measure forty-seven
feet, the thickest part of his body having a
diameter of two feet six inches. In color
he was yellow in the upper part of his
body, dark above, with dark rings encir-
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tracks to show an unmistakable direction
toward the mountains north of Arfma.
The wildest and most absurd rumors now
began to be propagated about the doings and
victims of the snake. He was given by one
Cocoa planter, who saw him gliding off with
his favorite pig, at least one hundred foet.
But it was gathered from Catherine Legrand,
who had seen him at close quarters on the

Decasion of the carrying off of her child,
that he must be something between forty and
Any foot long. It was also surmised from the
Imperfect description she gave of the up-
proximate colora, rings and spots of the
snake, that it was a survivor of the extinct
race of gigantis Huillas or local anacondas
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Late New Yorker (to St. Peter)-Excuso
me, but before entering I would uko to

know if you receive the scores here at the
end of each inning!

Bt. Peter-Sir, we do not countenance
such worldly matters here.

"Very well; I'll go where they do."-Timo
A Sad Case.

Mrs. Jones (who is reading the morning
paper)-A prominent coal dealer was para-
lyzed in his office last week.

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he drove off with sixteen hundred pounds of
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song of the sun was an ancient song
In the days when the earth was young:
We were goiping loud and loug
Ere mortals had found a tongue;
The heart of the waves with wrath

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Or aboted to a siren strain,
As they toured the primitive lales among.
Or slept in the open main.
Such was the song and its changes free,
Such was the song of the sea.
The song of the sea took a human tone,
In the days of the coming of man;
A mournfuler meaning swelled her moan,
And bercer her riots ran:
Because that her stately voice began
To speak of her human vows;
With music mighty to grasp and span
Life's tale and its passion-thres
Such was the song as it grew to be,
Buch was the song of the and.
The song of the son wan a hungry sound
As the human years unrolled;
He held out his mand in token of
but Mendoza, with a shrug of his
choulders, and a contortion of his dark
face, turned on his heel and walked
away.

That night he and Jose held a long
conversation, which was carried on in
low tone of voice, but although they
looked frequently toward the Colonel
and exchanged signideant shrugs, he did
not dream that they were plotting
treachery.

The next morning the Colonel
started, as usual, for a short expedition
in the forest.

It was a feast day with the Indians,
and they were making merry in the
camp.

Jose carried a small hatchet for mark-
ing the trees, and over his shoulder was
slung a haversack, containing lunch.
The Colonel walked in advance, armed
only with a small rifle.

By noon they were ten miles from the
camp, and further down the bayou than

they had ever been before
 When they stopped for luncheon near
 For the notes were boarse with the doomed all spring, Jose informed his pitron
 and drowned,
 Or choked with a shipwreck's gold:
 Till It nomad no dirge above the mould
 Bo HOTTY & story maid
 As the midnight cry of the waters old
 Calling above their dead
 Such is the song and its threnody,
 Buch is the song of the sea.
 The song of the sea is a wondrous lay,
 For it mirrors human life:
 the thought of strife:
 it is smooth, and rife
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 Richard Burton, in Harper's Weebly.
 that they were only a few miles distant
 from the extensive coffee and indigo
 plantation of General Antonio De Silva,
 who controled leagues of forest land in
 the vicinity, and from whom the Ameri-
 can mahogany merchants had purchased
 the logging right.
 After lunch the Colonel lighted his
 pipe, and leaned his back against a
 great tree-trunk to enjoy an after dinner
 smoke.
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 bearing a yellowish berry, and he asked
 Jose if they were good to eat.
 Jose examined them, and immed
 declared that they were excellent.
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 ward the coast, nenor," he said, "but I
 have never soon any before so far in the
 interior.
 He tasted the berries, pronounced
 them delicious, but somewhat different
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 the coast, and picked some for the Col-
 onel, of which the latter ste liberally,
 without any suspicion of evil effects,
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 most delicious flavor, and in taste some
 thing like the raspberry.
 He did notice that Jose sto only
 couple, nor did he see the look of cun
 ning exultation on the Indian's face,

Ten minutes after eating the first
berry, the Colonel felt strangely exhilarated,
and burst out into a rollicky cal-
legs song with the boisterous hority of
one intoxicated with absinthe.

"I can never look upon one of those
writhing, slimy things without a shod-
der id my friend, Colonel Paul
Ballantyne, as we thres (his pretty
Bouth American wife was of the party)
stood in frost of the bos constrictor's
cage in the serpent-house at the Phila
Zoological Garden.

And yet, dear," interposed Mrs.

she laid her hand

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upon her husband's arm, and

up into his handsome face with a His whole nervous system, even to his

of love glowing in her strous finger-tips, tingled with pleasing excite

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Once he fancied that he heard the cry

of some animal or human being near by,

but he was too far gone to pay much at

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At last all seemed to be over with him.

It was as though the darkness of night

had gradually closed over him, the roar

ing noise in his ears continued for awhile

and then all was silent.

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membered no more" ald -the

Colonel, until I came to my senses

again, and found myself lying on a luxu

rious bed, in a cool, pleasant room."

The first face that I saw as I opened my eyes, was that of the lady who ward became my wife. At the time thought her an angel from heaven, and -well, she is as near one as a mortal a ba.

"I was very weak, and it was several days before lully recovered. Then she told me the story of my rescue She is extremely fond of scientiae par-suits, and was botanising in the forest, Accompanied by her maid and two trusty ervants, when the suddenly beheld the head and shoulders of a man protruding from the mouth of a monster box, whose scaly body lay in serpentine lengthe along the ground.

Taking it for granted that I was dead, and chilled with terror, she ut tered the horrided cry that I had dimly heard.

"It brought to her side the servants, who wore armed with sharp axes, to out hon necessary through the Poth of the forest.

In two ked the serpent ping him com-below the bulge in his body caused by my feet and legs. It was necessary, however, to slit open the severed head and neck before I could be released.

"At first they thought me dead, but were soon rejoiced at discovering sling ring spark of life."

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Under Miss De Silva's directions the Colonel was taken to her father's house, and there she nursed him back to life CA And health.

A tender passion, cach for the other, was developed during bia convalescanos, and when he was able to return to the logging camp, she had promised to be He then learned from one of the In-die wood choppers of the cowardly

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Jose had seen the gigantic serpent
crawling slowly toward the Colonel while
the latter lay smoking under the tree,
and had determined to assist his master,
Mendoza, to terrible revenge

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yellow berries, the Indian had induced
his companion to partake of them and
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she added, with a pretty pout.

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the Colonel, and he eyed her fondly.

But for that, I think I could never have
summoned up fortitude enough to again
look upon one of the monsters. As it is

I cannot repress the shudder, and in fancy I feel myself again belog sucked down to death.

"You had an adventure, Colonel?" I ventured.

"Adventure!" he echoed. "Well, I should say so.

The most horrible a man ever experienced. But you dine with us to-day, and then I'll tell you the story."

He did, and gave ine finger-tips, tingled with pleasing teh ment.

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The lower half of his body was numbed and paralyzed by a terrible gradually constr.cting power from all directions.

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when news reached the camp that the pposed dead man was safe at Generat De Silva's plantation, he and his unscrupulous master, Guzman Mendoza, de serted, and were never seen nor heard of afterward.-Saturday Night.

Prussian Horseflesh Sausages.

The amount of animal food disposed of in the German capital is such that, tion of that city, it yields an allowance the Vyr

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His limbs appeared dead, and all the
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part of his body. His eyes seemed start-
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material alteration, and with the sub
stitution of fictitious names for the real ng from their sockets; there was a sing of two and a half pounds
of meat a week
actors, who will doubtless read and re-
cognize this history.

Three years ago my friend was sent to
Venezuela, as the agent of a firm of ma-
hogany importers, who had purchased
some valuable forestry concessions in
that country.

Ing in his care, and ho breathed with
great difficulty.

His throat was hot and dry, nod he
was consumed with a raging thirst.
He was lying face downward, and hav
ing determined to throw off the stupor,
he raised his hands to his head.

Instantly he was dragged ba kward
The lumber tract lay along the banks
of one of the bayous of the Orinoco Riv-.eral feet along the ground.
er, about one hundred and fifty miles
above the Isle of Barima

The Colonel examined the tract, se-
lected a site for a logging camp, and
proceeding to La Guayra, purchased
supplies, and engaged a native Venezue-
lan, named Guzman Mendo a, to super-
intend the logging.

Indian laborers to fell the trees could
Horried and bewildered, he made a
frantic effort, raised himself on his el-
bows and looked about him.

He was half engulfed in the throat of
amonger boa constrictor!

The reptile had begun to swallow him

without brat crushing him within its coil, as is usually the caso.

When the serpent moved, an indescrib-
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No fewer than 7000 horses are
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each and every Berlinor, irrespective of
age, sex and political opinions, is offici-
ally credited with the consumption of
141 pounds weight of beef, mutton,
veal, pork, lamb and horseflesh per an-
market, their flesh being partly sold as
laughtered yearly for the Berlin meat.
butcher's meat" in shops specially
affected to retail trade in "Pferdefjesch,"
and partly worked up" into sagsages,
popular variety of which is hawked
"all hot" about the streats late in the
the early morn.

be engaged in any quantity in the vicin-ably sickening odor arose, and almost evening and during the
smaller hours of

stupetied the imprisoned man,
hy of the mahogany forest.

Mendoza was a lightly-built, aurlly-
faced fellow, with an ungovernable tem-
par, to which he gave way at the slight
est provocation. He was accompanied
by an Indian servant, named Jose, who
Was much attached to his mastor.

Colonel Ballantyne had several wordy
quarrels with his forman, on the way up
the river, and he began to regret having
engaged so uncompanionable an assist-
ant, but Mendoza thoroughly understood
his work, and soon convinced his em-
ployer that he was worth more than the
liberal salary that was paid him.

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The camp was established, a corps
native axe-men engaged, and prepara-
tions were made to get together the
material for a big mahogany raft, which
would be noated down to the mouth of
the bayou, where the precious wood
would be loaded in vessels sent out by
the firm which employed the Colonel.

Accompanied by ose, who
familiar with woodcraft, the Colonel
made daily excursions into the forest
in all directions, to locate and mark the

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the Colonel gave a horrified acream
agony, and clutching frantically at the
ground, struggled to release himself from
the deadly embrace of the serpent's
throat.
But the teeth of his devourer waro
fastened in his buckskin coat, and hold
him like a pair of hungry nippers, while
the horrible suction pump below. was
worked with renewed energy.
The Colonel conseil his struggles, and
looked about anxiously for Jose
What has become of him!
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too, being devoured, or was he already
destroyed
While he was puzzling over these
speculations, he suddenly remembered
that just before consciousness left him,
the Indian had disappeared in the forest
and then, like a flash, be recollected the
follow's conference with Mendoza, and
he realized that he had been left to
parish.
At the terrible thought, he made an
other effort to escape,
The movement disturbed the boa, and
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do ptice owe their being, however, pork fresh or salted and in all probability the 4700 pigs that manually par the debt of nature in tribute to Berlinere appetitles and their way to the table in the shape of either sausage or ham for Prussians rarely est roast pork or fried bacon, whereas they are never weary of smoked and cured rations of pig. Beside devouring this porcine host, Berlin stands accountant yearly for the violent death of 197,400 bead of cattle, 131,500 calves, 346,000 sheep, beside a multitude of minor animal, all of which vanish in due course down her capacious may

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whole plan is based on

that a lack of defense will keep au

other nation from attacking Denmark.

Denmark has no desire to go to war, on

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the other hand, so an army and narr Woman May Take Her Place

are declared to be useless.

At the same time it is asserted that

Denmark has no foes, is free from the

threat of communism, and is too hasty

to think of war. Denmark, too, ob-

serves a policy of tending strictly to its

own business and keeping out of the

affairs of other nations.

TO KEEP COAST GUARD

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plorers led by Wallace Baith. Walls, to protect Danish deing interests and

roofs, and floors still are intact, smoke would have small interior poles

rk are on the ceilings, and pictures foree. At the maximum this force would

have been carved in many of the stone include only about 10,000 men. Abolition

The dwellings are among the of the army and navy, it is declared,

most perfectly formed and preserved would save the nation many millions
ever found.

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GOLF PANTS SMASH ROMANCE

Washing of Garment Care Family
Quarrel and Wife Leaves Home
Her refusal to wash her mate's golf
trousers broke up the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Young, of West Orange,
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police to help him and his 19-year-old
spouse and ten-month-old baby. They
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rorining farmers and ravaging their of the older residents, the python es
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the folds, and children are kept in Mo., not many miles away. The entire
hide their homes. James Gillen, countryside armed itself, and an ex-
farmer, is praising a drive against cities upon
the huge reptile.

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farms of Ben Arthur and Ogden Me-doned.

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word to their neighbors. Sheep, hors
and cattle began disappearing and
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ing the animals.

At Intervals thereafter farmers re-
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paths crushed through their fields. It
is believed that the snake goes to the
farms at times to satisfy its appetite.

Now barns housing valuable eattle Under Mr. Gillen, however, the farm
are being guarded day and night or have begun a determined effort to
Workmen go into the Gelds armed kill the reptile.

CUTS AUTOMOBILE DEATHS

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FIGHT WITH A BOA.

Terrible Conflict on a Lagoon

in Venezuela,

KILLING OF A MONSTER SERPENT.

The Battle Was & Fierce One, and Be-

fore It Ended the Snake Killed a Mem-

ber of the Attacking Party-Perils of a

Journey Through the Forest.

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teresting town of

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which has the best

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tionally healthful, I believe, if it had a de-

cent sewer system and the great lagoon

hind it were properly drained. But that

lagoon is certainly mischievous. The wa-

ter in it is indescribably foul, and from the

harbor up grows more and more shoal un-

til it finally comes to an indeterminate

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ending in a vast level plain of gray mud,

baked as hard as brick by the fierce heat of

the sun during most of the year. In the

wet season that plain is a shallow lake,

or then a torrent pours down the bed of

the Rio Seco or Dry river, which at all

other times is a crooked line of hot, white

and black pebbles and rocks, like an arid

path through the forest up into the fast-

nesses of the mountains. Here and there

in its course are pools, some of them mere

transient ponds screened from rapid

evaporation by the dense masses of foliage

above, while others, being fed by springs,

are almost permanent. In and near one of

the latter class, at a distance of some four

miles from the town, as Senor Jose Mar-

tinez assured me, a monster water boa

made its home. It had been there for

I of course did not believe him when he

cribed the creature an "a monster
mt no matter about that, a moderately
aleed one would satisfy me and I concluded
that I wanted that boa Jose looked as-
alabed when I told him so and remon
drated.

We, menor," he urged, are well enough
with our good Carupans rum, and the
well enough there in his pool. Har
not a proverb warning you to let well
ough alone? You have no idea how
mick and strong and devilish the water
Believe me, nor, ho does not de-
sire our soquaintance, and we would do ill
the force it upon him."

But opposition stimulated my insist
on, and after a time Benor Jose yielded
my arguments, saying:

"Very well. I will guide you to him,
your risk will be greater than your
rofit. Let me see. I cannot go tomorrow,
that is a public festa, or apon the next
ay, which will be that of my patron sains:
pon the day following, since I have to
end the annual commemorative MAS
Bar my cousin Jaime, who died seven years
or thirty feet, being simply a huge cleft in
the bedrock. Near the upper end of it was
the yawning mouth of a cavern, big enough
for three or four men abreast to walk into.
penetrating to unknown depths in the
mountain.

The big enake did not appear to be at
home either in the pool, sunning himself
on the great rocks at the lower end of It-
here he had often been seen by my guide
or among the branches of the adjacent
trees to which, as I was infeyed, he some
times climbed. The sun was now near the
zenith and the great ophidian had, sup-
posably, retired to the cool depths of his
cavern for a noontido siesta. Pablo sug-
gested that if we sat down quietly a little
while the monster would catch scent of us
and come forth to learn if we might be
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tried Pablo's scheme. It uld not work. At
the end of an hour I had ceased to believe

there was my boa there, and against Jose's earnest reinonstrances took steps in harmony with my newly formed convictions, With just sufficient prudence to carry my big navy revolver cocked, ready for instant use, I stepped into the mouth of the cavern. The shadows grew very thick a little way inside, and I could barely make out that there were great crevices in the rock above, leaving ledges like shelves, and beneath them a sloping path that tended downward to perfect darkness. All was very still.

Groping about I found a loose stone, threw it into the darkness and heard it bounding and clicking afar off. I thought I heard something like a very faint sigh I RAISED MY PISTOL AND FIRED.

or a dry lent moved alightly by a gentle wind just afterward, but as it was not repeated concluded it was but a trick of my Imagination. Just as I realized that it was a foolish and useless, if not really dangerous, thing to attempt exploring a cavern Without light, and was about turning to go out, I caught sight of a little spot that glistened, something that was touched by enough light from the mouth of the cave to give back a reflection likan dull sparkle. Without really thinking of possible consequences, beyond waking things up in that gravelike place, I raised my pistol and fired at the spot. The next instant I was conscious of having stirred something into great commotion, for I could dimly see what appeared to be huge billows tumbling in the gloom, and through all the thunderous echoes reverberating in those subterranean vaults could hear some one

A POWERFUL DRAMA

Critical Opinion of "The Merchant of Venice,"
Latest Stage Production.

"The Merchant," which is soon to have been at McVicker's theater, Chicago, is, according to the Inter Ocean, a play built simply upon truth. The entire enchanting interest centers in three scenes of emotions that suddenly confront each other. There is no intrinsic device employed. Nothing falls down; nothing explodes; nothing runs off the track. There is no buzz-saw, and yet "The

"Merchant" is a play of real life. The auditor is pinned by the dramatist's skill to the contemplation of three human hearts strangely wrought upon, and it is enough. The whole evolution of the merchant into the man before our eyes as the play goes on follows the development of character in life. It is through pain and perfidy that he persists. His heart must be broken before his vision can be clear. How unerringly true this is to common experience. It is only in the mistaken drama that success makes men. It is not triumph that tests a man but failure. The dramatist takes this merchant through the lesson of life and leaves him in the last act a man made a man by the only discipline discernible to human ken. Throughout this experience both he and his wife come to types, as all elemental and true examples do. It is beautifully illustrative of the sexes. The woman intones her purity and honesty continually between the husband and his desire, just as she does so often in so effectually in life, and it is the gentle, the simple, the uncompromising truthfulness that wins without a declaration or a coup or a shred of clever trap. Nothing could be prettier in sentiment than the natural wife's voice as it floats in the bad tones of the husband's ears freighted with thousand tender associations to save him from suicide. A simple song, how effective. Nobody prevents him from blowing his brains out like a coward. The author has subtly placed a man by his side who could have taken the pistol away, but purposely avoids any such use of force or reason. He had to be won over to bravery by exercise of his own will, by an influence that nobody could feel but himself - sweet pathos calling to him from the past to be a man. To picture not only in its failures and awful loneliness, but in its triumph of character that surmounts failure with a new individuality, is the task of the comic dramatist.

A FEMALE COMPOSER.

Remarkable Enterprise of Miss Stale
a Plucky Baltimorean.

Miss Emma A. Steiner, daughter
Commodore Steiner, of Baltimore,
now resides in New York, enjoys
fame of being the only woman on t
continent who is an operatic conduc
She has written three operas, two
which have received recognition
the west. They are "The Day Drea
founded on the story of Tenny's
"Sleeping Beauty," and "Fleuret
written to a story adapted from
French by Mrs. Charles A. Doremus

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JOSE JERKED ME BACKWARD

ago, and that brings us to Sunday, when
we cannot afford to lose the cock fighting.
But upon Monday, the fifth day, I will
conduct you. But I warn you again it is
Not wise."

Wise or not, I was determined to get that
boon's skin if I could. Upon the fifth day
Jose said "manana" (tomorrow). Those
people always say "mahana" when you
want them to do anything. But early on
the ninth day I caught him at his house,
within half a mile of the boar's home and
held him to his promise. He took with
him a peon, whom he called Pablo, a skill-
ful and courageous hunter, and I was ac-
companied by my boy Tom, a very stupid
but well meaning darkey from Curacao
who carried my magazine gun. Jose and
Pablo were armed with machetes.

The road we had to travel was abomina-
ble. Rocks, big and little, half concealed
by vegetation, caused constant stumbling
and hurts. Without the machetes we could
not have made our way through the tangle
of interlaced tough vines, some of them
covered with thorns. Perspiration blinded
me, and a myriad varieties of insects, with
and without wings, bit us, stung us and
burrowed in our skins. Once Tom came
upon treading upon a huge cascabel-a
Serpent exactly like our North American

attlesnake in appearance, except that ha
Bears no warning rattles. Again Jose,
elutching my shoulder, suddenly jerked
backward and at the same time made a
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in snake that dangled by its tall from a
anch directly in our way, and which
looked to my inexperienced cfe like the
swinging end of a Illana (vine). He
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to dangle in that fashion and strike at
eyes of men and beasts coming within
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far as I know I did not touch gronnd be-
tween the spot where I fired and the other
side of the pool, where my companion
were
When I told them the little I knew of
what had happened, both Jose and Pablo
said: "You have shot the boa. It was bis
eye at which you fired. If you have not
killed him be will come out directly to
plunge into the water. Let us wait and
Bee.
We waited an hour. Then we coincided
in the opinion that the creature must have
been killed by my chance shot, and made a
reconnoissance in force to assure ourselves

of the fact. I walked in advance, with Senor Jose just behind me and Tom on my right, Pablo bringing up the rear. Before we got in half as far as I had been before, something enormous darted down from Pimentica Ivcrevices, past me, straight toward my unfortunate boy Tom. I was so startled by it that I did not realize it was the boa. The ridiculous thought that flashed into my mind was that it looked like an open cellar door on the end of a city water main. Poor Tom had not time to utter a single cry, for the terrible creature's enormous mouth fairly engulfed his head, and then I saw nothing for an instant but folds of a seemingly interminable cylindrical bulk, coiling, writhing and rolling with incredible swiftness and appearing to concentrate itself into a huge ball.

ATTACKING THE SERPENT.

3188 EMMA A. STEINER

Edgar Smith. The music of both has been highly spoken of and used in some of the best entertainments all over the country.

Her new opera, "Fleurette," was produced for the first time at the Stanley theater, New York, August 24. Miss Stein is an energetic woman, and talks incessantly about her venture. It is said that she was unable to procure a "contract for Fleurette" from the managers, and she therefore organized a syndicate of capitalists who are backing her enterprise. She says that she wants the opera to stand upon its merits, and she asks no favors on account of her name. Miss Stein has led orchestras before, having traveled with her own companies throughout the country; this will be her first appearance in New York as a conductor.

Jose and the peon with ferocious courage and dexterity attacked the serpent. The powerful blows they dealt with their machetes quickly dispatched it and severed its collar, but not in time to save Tom. When we dragged his lifeless form out of the boa's folds he seemed to have been crushed to a pulp, not a bone having been left unbroken by the awful constriction to which

he had been subjected. Upon careful examination we found that my shot had destroyed the bow's right eye, so that it was blind on the side toward me when I re-entered the cavern, which accounted for it. darting past me and walking my servant who was full two paces in my rear, but I of its remaining era. Senor Jos told the truth when he said the creature.

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The Pay of Theatrical Men.

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Heal salary is \$30 a week, and all

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[AD] \$300 a week. All railroad fare

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is an item of importance, as some

panies carry 10,000 pounds of

baggage. Each performer is limited

one hotel and one theater train

nearly every city of size there are

tels that cater for theatrical patronage

The charges range from \$1.25 to

day for one person in a room.

they double the prices are \$1 to

A midnight lunch awaits the performer

returning from the theater."

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In many of the cases, however, it was noticed that the ground under the cocos trees and the forest undergrowth showed signs of having been crushed, not trampled upon, by the body of some smooth. but giantio ast. The people began to watch at night, no alarm as yet making known the passag of the monstap ok his raida, save the bark ing of dogs, a few of which had also disap peared with dismal bowls. It was also noticed that the traces through the vegeta tion always atopped at streams, and seatsed to vanish altogether after that This feat ure was clearly established in the case of the ripo, Turure and Arims rivers Up to Baturday last the beset had succeeded in eluding notice, transferring his attention to quarters un visited by bim, if aware the watch kept for him in those he had d ready visited; and the paighborhood of streams continued to be his favorite re sorts from the mountains north of Arima to Turare.

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stout commercial traveler who, when ba
was at home at all, did not get up gener
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to rouse him from the heavy stupor which
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thick cord from his pouch, cuts off a piece of, and he replied that
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him to be about right, the one end of the
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An Incident at an African Reception.
Dr. Peters narrates a curious story of
the killing of two natives by Lieutenants
Tiedemann, not far from Victoria Nyanza,
The white expedition had been received
with much hospitality by Wachore, an im-
portant sultan, who invited Peters and
Tiedemann to his audience hall, where, nur-
rounded by his chiefs and women, be
received them. To impress his guests with
his power, he had on band a larg
tion of the weapons used to its
including a considerable number of rilles
and other guns, Among them was a Mac
ciul rifle, which Wachore handed to Peters
to examine. Peters, after examining the
weapon, turned it over to Tiedemann, who
discharged it accidentally. The ball passed
through the end of one of the men in
attendance, killing him fustantly, and
struck the thront of a man who was behind
him and wonnded him so severely that L
bled to death in a few minutes.

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he raised his head and wacked it up and
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guess, but when i noticed lie was looking
traight at me I felt decidedly queer. My
gun double barrel, was loaded with
buokabot, but I had no notion of courting
encounter. Yet it would not do to run,
for no man can outfoot a wake. So I RE
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still looking toward me.
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d my hair stood on end.
Peters endeavored to apologize for the
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 The women schoed & cord for
 master. They said it was nothing and
 they tried to make merry, although Peters
 thought their laughter was a little forced.

Some men bore the bodies out of the hall
They sprinkled sand over the pools of blood
and brought in another bucketful of banana
wine, with which the king and his guests
regaled themselves after the tragical specta-
cle. Peter said it was a good deal like
the accidental breaking of a vase by a
guest in a European drawing room and
the host and hostess endeavoring to relieve
embarrassment and asserting that plen-
tiful wine of no consequence
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Gilt Hugel Telegrapher

The operators were a Tamot sender and
A man who is now court stenographer in
Bangor, Me, and the transmission of the
president's message from New York for
the Bangor papers was the occasion.
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The under pattered like rain on a tin
roof but after awhile, as he warmed up,
the sounder ceased to click, hummings like
the hum of a dynamo and then ceased.
The signals were coming so fast they could
not register. The receiver thought for a
moment, Babled a quarter from his pocket,
disconnected the wires from the sounder,
tied one around the quarter and held the
coin on his tongue. Then taking the other
wire between the fingers of his left hand
he picked up his stylus and went on copy-
ing the message, and in a remarkably short
time he got "00," which means "All
through; good night."

He got the age because his tongue
was much more sensitive than the sound-
er, and he received a rapid succession of
shocks which the sounder could not re-
cord, and he, being a star operator, re-
peated them with ease, and as he was practicing
shorthand at the time he put the message
down in shorthand

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July 17, 1879 New Haven Journaland Courier,
Baron Munchausen Around.

His Account of North Carolina Snakes.

[From the Oxford (N. O.) Torchlight.]

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About a milo and a half from the railroad
bridge spanning Tar river at Franklinton, is
the residence of Junius W. Hight, who not
long since married a Miss Cash. Everything
wont on lovely until warm weather sot in, and
the snakes began to show themselves about his
house in ganga and droves. The first. time
that he took fright was aftor killing one about
ten feet long, which he hung upon the fonco
and dragged it under the house to keep -bo-
neath the heathstone. He then began to
watch, and a day or two thereafter ho saw
them orawling around lazily, from six to eight
or ton in a gang. Things now began to look
serious, and Hight left the next day for Kit-
trell's to get ammuniton to begin war upon
them, but while he was gone a couple of la-
dies called on his wife, and while she was ro-
galing them with anaky information one of the
trio happened to look towards the cast door,
when, lo! what a monster met her gazo. A
Boream brought the party to their feet. The
monster's head appeared to be about throe
feet high, four foot of its body was on the
floor, and its tail was just clearing the corner
of the house. The ladies ran as fast as thoy
could. The snake dashed right by the hind-
most and took aftor Hight's wife, but she,
being very fleet, finally escaped. Mr. Hight
saw one in the path the other day twenty feet
long, as large as a "man's boot log,"
open, and looking as red inside as a ball of
firo. His dog was running a rabbit at the
time, and approaching rapidly in the direction
of the snako. He hastened to the hous
to get his shot-gun to shoot the mon-
ster, and about the time he got there his dog

ceased running. He hastened back to try his artillery on the snake, but he was too late, for it was gone. He has heard nothing from his dog since, and now firmly believes that the rabbit ran into the snake's mouth, mistaking it for a hollow, and that the dog followed; consequently the snake bagged both and slid off to his quarters. They are blowing and hissing around his house all night, and one of them makes a noise like a gobbler, while another that slays in the woods utters by keeps up a bellowing at regular intervals. Hight had been putting his chickens under pots and tubs to keep them from the snakes at night, until one morning he found that a certain pot and chicken were both gone, so he straightway carried his chickens to his father-in-law's. About a week ago his wife heard such a hissing and blowing that she awoke him to get up and see what was the matter. A light showed several very large snakes writhing and squirming about on the floor. He tried his gun upon them, killing some and causing others to dash about quite hurriedly, hissing and lashing with their tails. His wife ran for the door, declaring that she would stay no longer in a snake den, but was going to her father's house. He concluded it more prudent to follow her than to stay and be devoured by snakes, so he "lit out" accordingly.

Exploration in 1878.

What the Explorers are Doing in Various Quarters of the Globe-African, Asiatic, Australian, Polar and American Explorations-Thomas Achlovemonts of the Yonr.

London

[From the London Times.]

We had hoped to have been able to obtain the complete accomplishment in one year

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24 May 1942 San Francisco Examiner Calif.
trail across a mud flat.

They tethered a young and noisy billy out to tree and posted themselves in trees with high powered rifles. The goat plunged, wriggled and bleated all night until the forest echoed with his racket

man

watched closely.

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Then just at dawn one nearly fell off his perch with astonishment.
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BATTLE WITH MONSTER SNAKE
Oxford Farmer's Thrilling Encounter
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13-Foot, 70-Pound
Python Is Snared
In Los Angeles
LOS ANGELES (AP)
A 13-foot pythons
possibly someone's pet, was snared by city:

workers Saturday after it squirmed its way into the back yard of a North Hollywood home. The woman who owns the house in the foothills of the Hollywood Hills, was nearly hysterical when she called city Animal Regulation Department officers for help, department spokesman Michael Fowble said. She found the 70-pound reptile slithering through some ivy just after midnight Friday after her dog had sniffed it out and began barking." City workers used a long pole with a noose at the end to make the capture.. Neighbors had reported seeing a python in the area earlier Friday night but animal control officers were not able to find it. "It's not poisonous and isn't big enough yet to harm adults," said officer Tim Goffa. "But it is big enough to swallow a small dog or grab and squeeze to death a small child playing near it.": He added that it's not known where the snake came from. "It had to be somebody's pet Goffa added. "We just don't have pythons roaming around here." However, he said, people can keep pythons as pets if they have a wildlife.. animal permit from the city. Goffa said the workers did not get the name of the woman who found the snake. He said his department got a call from a man who said he lost a python 22 weeks ago. So far, Goffa said, the man has not provided. proof of ownership. CR. L. ARNOLD/PSI Sunday Patriot-Neus, Harris P, September 12, 1982-

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REACHED BY THESE GREAT REPTILES
IS STILL A MYSTERY!

IT'S STILL A MYSTERY

Lee Gebhart and Walter

Wagner (NY: Scholastic Book Services, 1970)

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THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Thurs., Aug. 19, 1982

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It sounded like a steam boiler'

The Associated Press

Doyle Porter of Easley, S.C, was surprised when he heard "this horrible hissing, like a steam boiler," in his tomato.

patch Monday night, and raised his bush ax to strike what he thought was an attacking copperhead.

Then he saw the

body 18 inches around coiled and ready to strike. It turned out to be a Burmese python, and he killed it.

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fect, 4 inches of it. Here, Porter (left), and his son Paul pose with their unexpected intruder.

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MYSTERY TOWN

THAT CHARMS

DEADLY SNAKES

EACH year, deadly cobras

kill 10,000 people in India yet

no one in the tiny central

village of Shirala has ever N

been attacked.

Villagers believe they have

been protected for hundreds

of years through a favor

granted to a local sage by

Shiva, a Hindu god symbol-

ized by the cobra.

.Every July, at the time of

the ancient Great Snake Festi-

val, the villagers show their

gratitude and confidence,

dancing and praying before

hundreds of wild cobras.

Researchers, such as her-

petologist Ron Whitaker,

who trained at the Miami

Serpentarium in Florida,

have examined snakes in-

involved in the festival, and

have found the poison fangs

intact in every case.

In preparation for the one-

day ceremony, the snakes are

rounded up and stored in
earthen pots.
When released, they simply
rise and sway, following the
villagers and more than
20,000 spectators, who feed
them rice and wander dan-
gerously close.
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Strange Serpent Slain in Everglades.
*Droon of the Everglades," from a Skotch by an Indian.
enormous reptile, more like the
mythical dragon than a land serpent,
has been killed by a hunter, in the
lower Everglades.
For one hundred years it has not
only been a tradition among the Seminole
Indians, who inhabited the borders of Lake
Okechobee but it is stated as fact within
the knowledge of come of the Indians now
living that an immense serpent made ita
home in the Everglades and has carried of?
at least two Indians
The lpdim report the animal to be snake-
Mke ih appearance with cara ke a dcer;
that it has only been seen in the Everglades,
and that it is wild, and that when it travels
it frequently stopa, rals its head high
above the saw grass to take a view of its
wyrrounding to discover enemies or locate'
victims, which may be a deer, bear, hog, or
come other animal. If frightened it slides.
off at Immense spccd.
These stories have kept the venturesome
hunter and trapper on a guard. and in a
state of more or less anxiety, notwithstand-
Ing they did not give credence to these In-
dlan stories. Recently, Buster. Ferrel, one
of the boldpat and, most, noted, hunters at

Okechobee, who for twenty years has made the border of the lake and the Everglades his home, on one of his periodical expeditions into one of these lonesome wilds, noted what he supposed to be the pathway of an Immense alligator. For several days he visited the locality, for the purpose of killing the saurian, but was unsuccessful in Anding him. His pride as a hunter was piqued at these failures, and his desire to secure the hide of what he felt to be one of the largest alligators ever seen in Florida daily. He studied some plan to outwit it. A large cypress stood near its pathway, and he concluded the best thing for him to do would be to climb this tree and take a stand for his "gatorship." He, accordingly, prepared himself and took a position in the tree.

grew

For two days he stood on watch with his rifle ready, but without the desired success. He was becoming discouraged, but determined to give one more day to the effort.

On The third day, before he had been on his perch an hour, he was almost paralyzed by what looked to him like an immense serpent gliding along the supposed alligator track. He estimated it to be anywhere from twenty to thirty feet long and fully ten to twelve inches in diameter where the head jointed the body, and as large around as a barrel ten feet farther back.

The snake copped within easy reach of his gun, and raised its head to take a precautionary view of his surroundings. As it did, Ferrel opened fire on it, shooting at its head. Taken by surprise, the serpent dashed into the marsh at railroad speed, while Ferrel kept up fire on it until he had emptied the magazine of his rifle, but failed to stop it. About four days afterwards he ventured back into the neighborhood to see how things were, and about a mile from where he first saw the snake. he saw a large flock of buzzards, and went to see what they were after, and there he found the creature dead and its body so badly torn by the buzzards that it was impossible to save the skin. He, however, secured its head, and has it now in his home on the Kissimmee River. It is truly

a frightful looking object, fully ten inches from jaw to jaw, with ugly, razor-like teeth. He described the animal as a dark color on the back, with a dingy white beneath, and with feelers around its mouth similar to catflah. He has now gone back into the swamp with the intention of securing the skeleton and bringing it back, after which he will send it to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Scientists who have investigated the matter are convinced that the animal is not a land serpent.

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NEW YORK HERALD, MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1913.

Find Snake 25 Feet Long Caught

in Upheaval Here 2,000 Years Ago

SNAKE IMBEDDED IN STONE AT COOPER STREET, NEAR 207TH STREET, ONE BLOCK WEST OF BROADWAY

Automobile Parties Stop at 207th Street, Near Broadway, to See Huge Reptile-Will Be

Preserved, with Rock, in American Museum of Natural History-Earth-

quake Beyond Ken of Oldest Inhabitant.

The huge figure of a snake embedded in stopped to see the wonder. Geologists say appearance of the figure it would seem

a large rock in Cooper street, near Broad- that the snake must have been caught in that the snake was somewhat surprised at

way and 207th street, is attracting the at- the rocks during an upheaval of the earth the earthquake which preserved his form

tention of hundreds of persons. Since the more than 2,000 years ago.

for the wonderment, of future generations.

discovery of the figure several weeks ago

The head and body of the reptile are Steps are being taken to have the rock

hundreds of automobile parties have

plainly discernible.

The figure is twenty-preserved by the Museum of Natural His-

five feet long from head to tail. From the tory.

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SNAKES ALIVE!

22-Foot Python Is a Pet

Johann Gramanitsch is wrapped up in his pets <-es-

pecially 22-foot python Susie. Fully grown and thick as

a tree trunk, Susie loves to swim and bask in the sun

with Johann, 39, an Austrian restaurant owner.

Below, she gazes doggedly at his pooch before Johann

entices her into a swim in local lake (bottom). At right,
it's a gripping experience for the gutsy owner as he
drapes Susie around his neck like a snake stole.

You Ate Over 1,400 Pounds

The average American ate
an astonishing 1,402 pounds of Of Food in
food last year, according to
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the latest figures from the tion per capita increased by
U.S. Department of Agricul- 84 percent, and beef by 21 per-
ture.

And there have been dis-
tinct shifts in what we eat.
cent.

But over the last 20 years,
we cut our potato consump-
tion by 45 percent, fresh
peaches by 38 percent, and
eggs by 17 percent.

For example, we ate 116
percent more cheese in 1980
than we did in 1960 and drank
98 percent more frozen or-
ange juice. Chicken consump- down 12 percent.

Another loser was sugar,

A Lesson in Wedded Bliss

A great proportion of the wretchedness which has
embittered married life has originated in a negligence of
trifles.

Connubial happiness is a thing of too fine a texture to
be handled roughly.

It is a sensitive plant, which will not bear even the
touch of unkindness; a delicate flower which indifference
will chill and suspicion blast.

It must be watered by the showers of tender affec-
tion, expanded by the cheering glow of kindness and
guarded by the impregnable barrier of unshaken con-
fidence.

Thus matured, it will bloom with fragrance in every
season of life and sweeten even the loneliness of declining
years.

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- Thomas Sprat

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was now that both murders were

TE AND DRATE STRUGGLE WITH REPTILE

[Wide World Magasiné.]

the clubwomen; he enco
calmly conceived and calmly carried out, TWO CYCLISTE, ENDEAVORING TO RESCUE DOG,
COME IN FOR the arts, employed
thus making their villainy peculiarly
herocious. When the Cutrán iri asked
for a spool of thread she was, töid to
come down to the end of the counter and
make her telection. While she was there
Jelsa Walked to the Street 866F and
locked it. Then he hit the child in the
head with a club, threw the body down
the cellar steps, followed it to striko
more blowe, dovered the body with tags.
returned to the store, washed his Händs,
uhlocked the door for business again.
When his mother came in he went home
to supper, after which he slept through
the night, free from fear or worry.
It was proved clearly that his murder
of the Mellen boy was free from cause
murder.

other than an uncontrollable love for
He had made no arrangement
to meet the old, just picked him up on
the street and proposed a walk to the
marshes. Then they began to play, aur-
ing which he knocked the, child uncon-
scous and mutilated the body, ab that he
died from the mutilations rather than the
original blow.

It was contended by his lawyers that
the fendishheda shown in his murders
proved the boys theanity. Their alle■isto
swore manfully in support of the theory.
but other allchists swore equally well
TABLE ROOF IN A. for the prosecution. The jury brought in
a verdict of first-degree murder.

Up to this time all Massachusetts had
shrieked agalhot the villath. Now the
pendulum swung the other way. Could
the noble state of culture and colleges
put a fifteen-year-old boy to death? Must
It demand an eye for an eye?

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Escape

O SOLITARY CON-
IN LIBERTY.

the mystery of Katie
There had been
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a chill wind was blow-
cold came a youngster,
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to the salt marshes in
could only point, for
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Thinking the child
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raid to go home alone,
mitted the child to lead
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boy was taken to the
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Judge Gaston, later Governor, thought
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The following strange and stir. head of the snake. The shake-bound cap- ber of poems and drama

ring adventure with a python, tive haft ordered the "boy"-who stood and could talk Greek at Easing in amaement at respectful dis- d he did Italian. Wher however, is absolutely vouched for.

To anyone who is tamillar with Rho- tance-to fun quickly to Mr. Morgan's and conciliatory manher him the affection of the

desia, where the Incident occurred, it 16 homestead and bring a gun and cart- devotion of the lower common knowledge that the boundless läge. Natives, of course, are not al- tracts of voldt, alternated with wooded lowed to carry n■earms in Rhodesls, but lost ho time in making patches and rugged kopjes, afford excel in unusual circumstances, such as those lent breeding grounds for the python, described, ekoeptions must be tolerated.

the At all events, the "boy" was only too over-dangerous puff-adder, treacherous boom-alang and several other blad to undertake the order, and rushed varieties of snakes.

off toward the homestead. Meanwhile, the eyellat. who still-though with the ut- the larity. While they were and telling each other fellow he was, he slipr awny froth them all fo tional independence that decessore had allowed to

Some few Florentines, During the winter of 1012 (about July) two friends of a Mr. Morgan had oc- most dimculty-maintained his tooting progress of the volupt caslon to visit him at his farm, called on the snake's neck, round that Bitton. The homestead is situated about by strenuous efforts of hla the

80 milles from the township of Sallabury, friend in holding the snake's tall, the the capital of the country, and in the pain in his leg whs less acute.

Never- and all the time the snake made per- sistent efforts to throw off the foot that held him down.

which was Amothering personal independence, halt on Lorenzo and bt of corruption by an al

Lomagunal district. The Gentleinen re-theless, the minutes dragged horribly, morals, which gained for ferred to had cycled to Morgan's home- stead, and were decompained by a very active and pugnacious Scotch terrier dog, the property of one of the men. After transacting their business with Mr. Mor- gan they mounted their cycles and started slowly on their roturn journey along an Improvised road or track which led to the homestead. After covering á distance of 300 or 600 yards they were surrounded by bush land, or voldt, which is generally

covered with long, coarse, stately grass eight or ten feet in height. The terrier had run on some distance in front of the cyclists, and was seen to enter the grass which adjoined the track. It was then heard to bark furiously. On reaching a point opposite the dog's location its owner dismounted with the view of ascertaining the cause of its persistent barking. His friend also dismounted on the track, and remained there, awaiting results, while the owner of the dog passed on into the grass. After going a few yards he observed a large python in close proximity to and facing the dog. The only those who have observed the terrible strength of these creatures can realize the danger and consequences of

of "plagion!," or weel among them was the I Girolamo Savonarola, who appealed to the people in favor of a new government and a life threatened for a time to the Medici. But after Lorenzini's action against the monk, the difficulty of the situation which confronted the captive. Undoubtedly, but for the handicap of having its tail held up, the snake would have accomplished in and he was burned at its purpose—thrown the man off and seized him in a death-grip.

What with the pain and suspense, the man presently began to stagger under the tremendous efforts of the snake to free itself, while his friend experienced the utmost difficulty in maintaining his hold of its tail. It was, however, a case of life or death, so each held tenaciously.

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At last the "boy" arrived with gun and cartridges, but stood back in great terror, for the natives have an extraordinary fear of snakes.

The Eemi-dazed

cyclist, however, his limbs racked with pain, vehemently ordered the "boy" to hand him the gun and cartridges. Finally

When I get out I will kill Judge Python took one look at the new intruder. Finally the native approached, and at arm's

For a long time he was a model prisoner. One day he reverted to his natural self and declared: "I will not be here always."

Gaston and every one who helped put me here."

He tried to escape a dozen or more times. No one doubts if he is ever beyond the prison walls some one or several will pay dearly for his long years of confinement.

In the long years since 1878 Jesse Pomeroy has kept the news channels more than full, for the cunning that made him a successful criminal has kept him busy in attempts to escape. It has been an hourly matching of wits between the prisoner and his keepers, with the score to date largely in favor of the prisoner. It is true he is still in prison, but his near-escapes have made monkeys of the Massachusetts prison officials.

One day Jesse complained to his mother and asked for a chair. The mother consented that the bench in his cell was too hard, and sent to her bringing in one. It was subjected to many examinations, and was being carried to the cell, when the heat of the keeper's hand melted some varnish on the back. Out fell a bit of wood. It was the cover to a hollow space in which were a bunch of saws. They were taken out, the hole filled and then the chair was placed in the cell. To this day Pomeroy has not spoken of the absence of the cover, Paws.

A year or two later Pomeroy told the Warden he had invented a lead pencil that could be sharpened without the use of a file, with lightning rapidity. It advanced upon the dog and wound itself round its body, at the same time biting it on the shoulder.

The howls of the dog were heartrending. Ingo and its owner, in deepest despair, hurriedly ran forward and planted his foot on that part of the snake immediately behind its head. At the same time he loudly shouted to his friend: "Come in, quick."

The call was

obeyed at once; it also attracted the attention of a native "boy," who was at hand, making his way to Morgan's homestead. The curloaly of the "boy" was, of course, aroused, and he in turn hurriedly entered the bush.

On the approach of cyclist No. the python released its hold of the dog and promptly coiled it body around one of the legs of the gentleman who, struggling and only with moniter's neck. The extraordinary strength which was now exerted by the who was thus entangled. By good luck, snake caused intense pain to the man length handed over his burden; then he instantly ran back to a safe distance, his face à picture of abject fear. Mechanically the cyclist placed two cartridges in the gun. lowered the muzzle, and at close quarters blew the snake's head into pulp. In its final death struggles the brute threw its captive to the ground, some yards away, and also shook off the tall-holder.

Both men were exhausted after their trying experience and glad to get a rest. Afterward they measured the dead reptile, and found it thirteen feet in length, and, unextended, averaged nearly six inches in thickness.

They skinned the snake as evidence of the plight in which they had been placed; and to-day its outer covering may be viewed in Sallsbury.

The dog fortunately recovered, and to-day is a vivacious and pugnacious as before.

On hews of the encounter being com- Lorenzo's name is 8

forms of loveliness, yet sonality was peculiarly u above the middle helgil built, but his face was u the nose flat and sprea sharp, the complexion eyes weak. His movem gerated and ungainly, his croaking. His sense of st wholly lacking, which p fortunate thing for him.

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"The Thinker."

municated to Mr. Morgan, he recalled CAPITALIZED BALL
that, while passing the same place a few
days previously. he had heard a rustling
however, he was wearing stout leather sound among the grasses near the road-
leggings, whh, to a certain extent. pro-
tected him.

The snake's crushing grip grew tighter
and tighter, and in hie auffering he called
upon his friend to seize the reptile by the
tall Though the position was most terri-
fying, his companion proceeded to comply
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Atream. At the time he concluded it was
caused by 8. buck which had been
startled, but now believed it was OC-
casioned by the self-same python.

[New York Wor

That the market for bas
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team's manager to offer

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largest figure at which a
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Thus ended an episode which, in less
been fraught with fatal consequences. ever been capitalized.

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THE NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTE : MONDAY, OCTOBER
AT RICHMOND.

TO THE CONVENTION.

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pared to do Battle With the
ab-What the Visitors Did
Themselves Banday.
The Program.

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Va., Oct. 4.-Knights of
ed into town yesterday by
to the number of about 700.
ulzen enjoyed the Kulghtly
sely, but was rather disap-
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eir hotel. They represent
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rship of nearly a hundred
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are several women. Each
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us and massive badge car
r Workman Litchnon, who
counterpart of Powderly.
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ats, and they glory
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y Are their
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lth the Home club and Dis-
No. 49, of New York, if
delegates of that assembly

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es did little yesterday except
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wderly was naturally the
ction, and many of the dele-
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for the first time. He spent
THE LATEST SWAKE STORY.

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A Prodigious Bhoop-Eating Serpent Du-
covered in a West Virginia Cave.
BUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 4-The
Republican publishes the following start-
on Big Two Mile Creek, about three and a
ling letter from Milton: "There is a place

half miles east of this place, known as The Buzzard Den. F It is a large cave in the point of a ridge which extends down between two branches to the rock gorge which incises the creek for nearly its whole length. This cave is entered by a small doorway, which extends down an inclined plane for about 20 feet, there opening into a large rugged room, which has not been explored.

Last Sunday morning AS Melscar Braleya young man of about 20 years, was passing that place en route to his brother's, about a mile below on the creek, he heard a sheep bleating pitifully as if in great distress. Upon going nearer he found the bleating proceeded from the mouth of the cavern. He approached nearer the place, when, upon suddenly turning the corner of a huge boulder, he beheld a sight which sent his blood in an arctic flood up his back and standing his hair on end. He beheld the head of a huge serpent protruding from the entrance of the cavern with the hind quarters of a sheep in its mouth. swallowing it gradually, while the sheep was emitting its mournful sound. Braley, being a brave young lad, thought to relieve the sheep, so hurrying up the hill above the cavern he rolled a huge boulder down upon the monster. This maddened him to such an extent that he let the sheep go with a terrific snort, which could be heard a half mile, and rushed from the cave. It was about 40

cave like a huge tree.

feet long, with large black and yellow stripes running lengthwise of its body. The head and neck were black and sleek, and the tail for several feet from the end was a dull brown color. The sudden appearance of the monster so frightened the lad that he rushed for home at a 2:40 gallop, where he soon arrived out of breath and told his experience. whereupon his father, elder brother, and brother-in-law, together with two or three neighbors who had been summoned, armed with all the firearms that could be had, started for the cavern prepared to make an invasion of the enemy's country.

"Upon arriving at the place nothing

could be seen of the snake or the sheep.
but upon approaching the mouth of the
cavern a sickening stench met them, such
as that coming from a maddened soak,
and its fierce blowings and hissings could
be heard. They could do nothing with
him, so had to return to their homes.
search will be organized to hunt up the
monster. No one knows where he came
from, as this is his first appearance. The
country for several miles around is heavily
wooded, and he may have been around for
some time. It is to be hoped he will soOD
be killed."

CONDUCTOR9 ORGANIZ C.

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A Now Lodge Formed in This City Yos-
day.

Sixty railroad conductors
yesterday afternoon
in

assembled

St. George's

ball. Most of them were residents

of New Haven or vicinity. The

others

were officers of the "Order

of Railroad Conductors," 8 benev-

nevolent organization, with an insurance

system, open to all conductors of two

years' service. The object of the meeting

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A PROULTAD OHNE VIOD.

What the Crowds at bt. Mary's Chureb

Yesterday Afternoon Saw.

St. Mary's R. O. church on Hillhouse

avenue was crowded even in the vestibulo

yesterday afternoon at the solemn high

vespore. The additional pomp of, the sor-

vice was in commemoration of the feast of

the Rosary. The vespors were sung by

Rev. Fathor Lilly of Ohio, assisted by

Rov. Father Kent and Rov. Father Hart-

gan. A peculiar part of the service, and

something which Oatholics hereabouts had

never seen before was the rosary procos-

s'on. The Catholic rosary is the saying of

fflcn times then the prayers beginning

with the words "Hall Mary." and once the

prayer beginning "Our Father." The ff.

teen decades are called in memory of the fifteen principal events in the life of the Virgin Mary. These fifteen events are divided into the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious and are called mysteries. The ordinary rosary beads that Catholics use to enable them to keep account of the number of times they have said the "Hail Mary" consist of only five decades, because it is thought that the consideration of one kind of mystery, either the joyful, the sorrowful, or glorious, will be sufficient for one time of prayer. But in yesterday's Rosary procession the whole fifteen were represented. First came a cross-bearer and then members of the children's sodalities, so arranged as to represent one of the beads of the full rosary. The first five decades were marked off by five beautiful blue silk banners, containing on one side gold lettering the number of the mystery, and on the reverse an oil painting of the event on which the prayerful are to meditate. The second five decades were marked off in a similar way by red silken banners, and the last five by banners of white silk. The procession as it moved through the aisles of the great church was an imposing one.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Biggins, the pastor of the church. He told in a carefully prepared and forcibly delivered address, the history of the feast of the rosary, recounted what history tells of the battle of Lepanto, and the signal success that Pope Pius V. had, thanks to the use of rosary prayers to Mary, in baffling the ambitious designs of the Ottoman power. He argued at length on the constancy and biblical sanction of the devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Italian Catholics.

The Italian Roman Catholic congregation, which has worshipped in St. Patrick's hall since its recent organization, held its first services in old Union armory yesterday morning. Rev. Father Riviecco read the mass and addressed the congregation. He expressed the hope that the

Italians would have a church edifice of their own in a short time. The quartet of St. John's church rang the musical portion of the service.

Three hundred Italians were present.

STATE CORRESPONDENCE.

Wallingford.

Oct. 4. The polls close this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is supposed that the counters will finish their work quite late. Very few voted a straight ticket.

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PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

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by Reality.

It has been estimated that there is one real healthy person in every four and; that there are to day over four million men, women and children in country sick with incurable diseases, one million who are helplessly sick a burden and care to others: that there are hundreds and hundreds of thousands of our land sick, eaten up with cancer consumption, in danger of death from heart disease, ruined with dyspepsia, nerves shattered, aching and diseased joints, oppressed with tumors, deformed rheumatism, every drop of blood teeming with scrofulous poisons, morbid circulation, paralytic, depressed in spirits, dumb and dying.

It is a fact that the number of healthy men and women is growing less every year, and the sick more numerous. In face of these facts, it might be noted that this country is full of doctors and drug stores; that these doctors and drug stores increase every year, and in the ratio the sick and dying increase also.

It would seem like ignorance and arrogance combined for any physiological school of physicians to claim a monopoly. In the practice of medicine, when all the physicians of all the schools of medicine combined are powerless in cure but a small percentage of acute, and still less of chronic diseases.

And instead of doctors opposing discoveries, condemning new system

practice, they should welcome them, no one knows better than the doctor self how powerless he frequently is to cure or even aid in the sick room.

There is good in every religion. No church has a monopoly of all that is good, neither does any one school of medicine contain all that is valuable. There is undoubtedly good in every school of medicine, and system of therapeutics, and man who is liberal and progressive enough to appreciate the good in one school as readily as he would the good in every other, or anything valuable he might discover which is in no way connected with a school, and fearlessly defend the value and right, because it is valuable and right wherever it may be found, will always be the successful and popular physician of his age, the physician the sick will seek wherever he may be, who will cure where others fail, and be loved and honored the world though he receives the anathema of jealous professionals.

Obedient to your instructions to write the work of some leading physician, minister, and leading lawyer, I decided to let my first letter be a
THE DOCTOR.

I have selected as the subject of my sketch Dr. R. C. Flower of Boston. The reason of this selection is that, after a thorough investigation of the practice and success of several eminent physicians of different cities of the east, an investigation which would do credit to any article in any journal, I have ascertained beyond cavil or doubt that Dr. Flower stands at the head of the largest and most successful practice in this country. He has more patients than any dozen doctors I have

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bills lying on the surface, and most of
them died in one day, July 23. These
ponds and lakes were formed from the
overflow of the Illinois River. They
cover an average space of from thirty
to forty acres each, and were original-
ly from two to three feet deep. Dur-
ing the heated period the water evap-
orated freely, and what remained
reached a temperature, of from 114 to
110 degrees.

A Sink of site.

3. (Cleveland Plain Dealer.).

Loudonville, O., Aug. 6-within the
past two weeks & number of boys, have
been seeing or being chased by an enor-
mous snake. Little or no attention was
paid to these stories at first until two
sensible men reported having seen
the monster, which left a path as
though a huge log had been dragged
along. One man said it was surely twenty-
five feet long. A big party of men
and boys started out to find the reptile
and located it in an abandoned barn,
near Millbrooks. The attack, was made
with shotguns and clubs and the snake
was killed. It measured over twenty
feet. It is supposed to have escaped
from some circus, two having been in
the vicinity his spring.

The Boys Wanted to smoke..

(Philadelphia Ledger.

as well as meats and other edibles Thurler to town and breathlessly told
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THE BIGGEST NAKE OF THE HEANON.

HEAVIEST FIELDS OF THE GLOUCESTER FISH-

ERMEN.-The mackerel fishermen usually start

out as early as the last of February for the

Georges banks, the worst time of the year for

Anaconda Squirring Through winds; and as they anchor near together in

Maryland.

The Baltimore American, a few weeks ago even in calm weather the tido-rips swirl and
ranks on those treacherous shoals, where

gave an account of a large snake which ha boil in an extraordinary manner, if one digs
been seen several times near Hall's Springs her anchors in a gale of wind, it is almost a
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dead certainty that, as she sweeps on to de-

an attempt to capture the reptile. It' ays:- companions and involve theu in a common

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Springs and hearing the marvelous stories told other waters, with the cod, halibut and bad

alxout the serpent, concluded that discretion dock Bishernion, do not start until later. Tho

was the better part of valor, and that they cod are caught chiefly on the Grand Bank of would let him soverly alone. They were told New Foun land, where the watchlights twin that the sunko was fully 16 feet long, and that is in the mi loight gloom in company with he could swallow a calf several weeks old, that those of the French Fishermen of Miquelon a four-year old child would only make half a and St. Pierre. Many utcserel are cught in mical for bim, that he could travester thinu the bay of St. Lawrence, off Cape North, Sid the fleetest borse in the country and that ney and the Magdalen Islands, whelp the dar when in pursuit of an object held shooting fishermen often linger until late in the fall, over an ordinary country fence or stone wall and are often eabayed by tremendous gales with as much ease as he could make his way among those inhospitable shores, without sea through the grass. In fact the inust woade. room, on a lee shore, and safe port to run ful stories are told about this stake, and it is to. The haddock and halibut are oftener safe to say that in a month's time hus size will caught on Brown's Bank and within the wa-have increased in the maids of many of the ex-ters of New Englan 1 It is a curious sight to cited denizas of Harford road to at least a schooner come in from the banks londeed feet in length, and that he will be fully able to swallow a cow, borns and all, without any choking

down nearly to the senppers and packet to the leanus with codfish The wharf is lined with eager spectators as she glides up to her dock with a leading wind. The foresall comes III. then the mainsail is lowered, and handled by a orew weather-beaten and clamily limbor in useful but not graceful Cape Cod a hoots, son musters and oil jacketa and with the inevitable clay pipo jutting out beyond the bushy, untrimmed beard. Theu the jib down-baul is manned, and a number of boys, eager for the day when they can go to ibe banks, catch the hawsers and make her fast to the pier foro and aft Amidst a bail storm of questions asked and answered on both sides, the crew range themselves on board and on shore, with one-tined pitchforks, and proceed to uuload with the rapidity and regularity of machinery. The men in the hold heave the tsh on deck; thence they are tossed on the whart. Another turn of the pitchfork lands taem, under the knife, their beads and tails cotus off, and they are split open almost in a second, and aro then salted and laid on the tish stages or trellises to dry, after which they are ready to serve up to good christians either for tishballs on Sunday or for hash on Friday. On Saturday there were rumors in Baltimore that the snake bat been caught and had after-wani nade his cap The rumors were tracked to the labiwin corn and flour ax-change, of which Mr. Lee, of Messrs. Leo & Shaw, is a member. Mr. Lee is the owner of the Olive mill, situated a sort distance boyord

Hall's Springs Thus gentleman resides her the mill, and a reporter of the American visited him Stanley for the purpose of ascertaining the very latest concerning the snake. Mr. Lee stated that he had been captured in a trap on Friday night or early Saturday morning, and had freed himself from the trap on account of his great strength by breaking a portion of the top off. He accompanied the reporter to where the trap was set. On Saturday morning after the escape of the snake the trap was reconstructed. It is now about 18 feet in length. The sides are made of boards 1 inch in thickness, while the top and bottom are made of strips of the same material and thickness. These strips, which are about six inches in width, are nailed on, and around the whole have been placed strips of thick hoop-iron. The opening for the snake is fourteen inches square, being sufficiently large to admit the snake, which is supposed to be about eight inches in diameter and two feet in circumference. In one end of the trap there is a door sliding up and down in grooves. This door is kept open by means of a lever. A supply of water for his stock and for house-which works on a pivot and is attached to a trigger. In passing down the trap to secure the chicken the snake will touch the trigger, when down comes the door and he is prisoner. It was in this manner that he was caught on Saturday morning, but finding himself imprisoned, he got his back up, so to speak, and three or four of the slats composing the top bow off and the snake was once more free. Mr. Lee says he visited the trap about 5:30 Saturday morning, when he was at once convinced that from its condition the snake had been in it during the night or morning. Besides the fact of the top of the trap being broken, there were two distinct tracks along the ground, marking the ingress and egress of the snake. At about 8 o'clock the same morning, a colored man walking down the path on Alr. Leo's place encountered the snake, which was lying coiled on the race bank. The colored man did not stay long enough to get an accurate idea of the size of the snake, which will account for his statement that the body of the snake was as thick as a flour barrel and 20 feet in length. The snake had not been seen before that morning for two weeks. He is supposed to reside on a small island, which is covered

with a dense undergrowth, and is situated about a stone's throw above the Uiiive all, on the east bank of Herring run. He has been sen going in that direction. Mr. Linhart, Mr. Lee's miller, it is alleged, has seen the snake snake several times. A laborer uained Thomas Rickert, who was shung on the dam several days ago, also encountered his salre-ship, who raised his head and stuck out bis forked tongue. Rickert flew from do spot and was unable to work for two weeks after ward.

Mr. Lee considers the snake harmless naless attacked. He is very durous of capturing him alive, and would give 65, or even more to any one who would bring nixut this result The new trap is like the old one, with the ex-ception that it is bound with hoop-iron. Tue talk occasioned by the reports about the wou-derful snake has deterred many persons, it is understood, from visiting Hall's Springs woods A well-known place for holding plenies There a na danger whatever of aj vials of the snake to any part of the woods, as he does not go but a short distance from his island bomo. l'as Bengers on thecars yesterday to Hall's Springs Lalled of little else save the makes and me of A WESTER PRENOMMON.-Mr Josephi Hahn who lives some three or four miles west of Marine city, Mich., has been for some tlmo engaged in sinking an arterian well, to obtain bold purposes. In anking these wells a dei rick is used cousisting of three heavy pieces of timber fastened together at the top like a tri-pod; this derrick was fastened by means of a heavy log-chain wound around the timbers at the top; the diameter of the well is thirkon inches, and the boring was done by the means of an auger turned by horse-power; on Mun-day night the auger had penetrated to a depth of 120 feet, and the next morning an air or gas chamber was reached; then occurred a pheno-menon which the bystanders will not be likely to forget; in the twinkling of an eye, upon the removal of the auger, the wooden tubing shot out of that well like a stone driven from a catapult, followed by a volume of gas, water, gravel and mud thai roso full 200 feet into, tho air, while the trembling earth, the roaring tor-rent and the dearending debris madlo Mr. H. and his co laborers think they had struck the regions infernal!

Stones weighing from ten to twenty pounds were projected into the air, and some of them fell crashing through the roof of Mr. H house, standing near by; in fact, the family were obliged to seek shelter at a neighbor's, for human life was not safe a moment in the farmhouse. In the locality of Mr. Hahn's farm a stone, large or small, was rarely found, but now they can be taken away by the cart load. The heavy log chain binding the der-rich was cut by the flying missiles into dozens of pieces, and one of the timbers blown away as if by the breath of a cyclone. The discharge of mud and water soon began to overflow the fields and bear ruin upon the poor man's crops; it was as if a waterspout had burst and the furies of heaven let loose.

For eight or ten hours this extraordinary well kept vomiting forth mud, water, gas and slugs, all around, on field, barn and house had settled a leaden bane; the corn was broken off and uprooted by the flood; the house at last was riddled with falling stones; destruction was visible on every side. It was then noticed that the subterranean monster was pretty well blown, and although he still kept up a furious bowling blast force was abated. It is estimated that so 800 cubic yards of clay and boulders were cast out of the well. Hundreds have been out to see it, and hundreds more will undoubtedly go. The damage to Mr. H. is very great.

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BRANFORD POINT.

Band Concerts, illuminations and Fire-works at the Hotel.

BRANFORD, Conn., July 27.-There enjoyable time Saturday night at the Branford Point hotel. Several hundred people from uptown were down to listen to the band concerts, and witness the Illumination and fireworks. Columbia band gave an outdoor concert on the lawn and the Waddingham family furnished orchestra music in the pavilion. Fine fireworks were displayed from the Point

wharf, and in front of the hotel was given a representation of the falls of Niagara. The dampness affected the powder considerably, especially the latter places. The hotel is now about half filled with guests, but the managers, Messrs. Johnson & Hopson, expect to have the full capacity of the house tested next month. To-night Miss Drew, a well known elocutionist who is summering at Pine Orchard, will read selections for the benefit of the guests.

A FATHER'S SORROW.

Unable to Save His Son From a Fatal Mangling.

NORWICH, Conn., July 27.-The 3-year-old son of Cornelius Mahoney, who lives on the "Converse farm," BO called, in Franklin, died Saturday from the loss of a part of his right foot by a mowing machine on the 9th inst. The little fellow lay down in the high grass where his father was mowing, and as the mowing machine came toward him suddenly sprang up and ran playfully toward the rapidly flying knives. Mr. Mahoney, surprised by the sudden appearance of the child before the grass cutters, was horror stricken. He tried to stop the horses, and falling, tried to raise up the knives by a lever, but he seemed

powerless to save his boy from being caught by the knives. The best surgical skill was afterward unavailing to save the child's life.

SHOT IN THE LEG.

The Outcome of a Proposed Sunday Fight in Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 27.-Shortly after midnight last night a gang of 75 roughs went to the rear of Warner's Corset factory to witness a fight between Edward J. Beady and John Kempie. The watchman, A. R. Odell, ordered them away. Beady commenced to quarrel with Odell, and as the crowd rushed toward him, the watchman drew his pistol, the bullet going through Beady's leg below the knee. Some of the parties were arrested.

rested, but the watchman was soon released.

Who Holds the Lucky Number?

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be spirited away.

Some anxious citizens called at the office
this morning to pay their bills before they
had received them at their homes. One
of these remarked, as he handed over a
good-sized roll of bills, "If a man has got
[AD] \$10,000 worth of property and manages it
in a slovenly way, they tax him for \$5,000.
But if he has the same amount and keeps
it looking neat and all in good trim, they
tax him for \$20,000. That's about the
principle those fellows go on.'

MARVELOUS SNAKE STORY.

The Monarch of the Jungle in New Lon-
don County.

NORWICH, Conn., July 27.-A gang of
New London bridge builders, while at
work on the track of the New London
Northern railroad recently, came upon a
black snake that was so long, that, as its
tail glided up one side of the embankment,
its head and neck were disappearing into
the brush on the other side. One builder
threw a heavy piece of timber on the body
of the snake, which lay across the rail,
and four workmen jumped on it. The
snake reared its head, which towered
above the men, who fled without looking
behind them. The big snake has been
seen three times within the past ten years
by residents of the neighborhood.

THE SHELL FISH BOARD.

Nearly All the Taxes on Oyster Laúds Dae
This Year Pald.

There was no quorum at the stated
meeting of the shell fish commissioners
this morning, Messrs. Pike and. Bill be
ing absent, and therefore no business was
done. The taxes of oyster lands this year
amount to about \$7,800. and of this sum,
over \$7,000 have already been paid. Dur-
ing the three summer months the work of
the commission is greater than during any
other part of the year. This refers to the
field work, as the engineers spend a large
part of their time on the water, making
measurements and setting buoys.

Obituary.

Miss Emma W. Fullerton, who died at her brother-in-law's residence, Dr. Leonard Waldo on Prospect street, Saturday, from the result of injuries occasioned by a leap from the cliff at Double Beach, July 2, was born during the height of a military conflict, in the immediate vicinity of the battlefield. Her life was clouded thereby. The effect of this has followed her through her short life and brought it to its sad ending. She was never in robust health, a person of extremely delicate sensibilities and very nervous. She was a gifted painter, highly esteemed in Philadelphia.

Rev. William H. Whittemore died in Rye, N. Y., yesterday, aged 85. He graduated in Yale in 1825; and was also a graduate of the Yale Theological seminary. He was for fifteen years pastor of the Congregational church in Southbury, Conn. In 1851 he removed to New Hampshire and died from fast driving.-Mrs.

Evelyn Wood of New York is summering at the residence of Mr. Ludlow, Riding Ridge. Saturday her 2-year-old boy was severely bitten on the forehead by a fox. A doctor was summoned and bound.

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water. Dr. C. B. Nettleton arrived

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dence at the South End and has leased for

a term of years the house just completed

by the president of the South End Land

company, E. D. F. Shelton.

His family

will at once remove here. The neighbor-

hood is to be congratulated.

State News.

Benjamin R. Tate assumes the office of

collector of customs at New London Au-

gust 1.

Rev. James B. Goodrich of Windsor

bas accepted a call to be rector of Trinity

church at Claremont, N. H.

The report that Editor John A. McDon-

ald had been appointed postmaster at

Willimantic, proves to have been without

foundation.

A new sandy beach has appeared at

Fenwick, Saybrook Point, and all the

bath houses near the Fenwick house are

being moved to it.

Out of respect to the dead general and

ex president, many Bridgeport ladies now

wear black and white bunting nattily

twisted around their straw hats.

The Rev. C. T. Weitzel of the First

Congregational church at Norwich Town has resigned his place as pastor on Sunday to accept a call in San Bernardo, Cal. Michael McCauley, whose skull was fractured by a falling brick while he was at work on a chimney in Meriden several days ago, died in the Hartford hospital yesterday.

The presence of dead fish in the reservoir which supplies Waterbury people with water, has led to drawing off the water. No sufficient cause for the epidemic among the fishes has been advanced.

The Rev. James B. Connell of the Moodus Baptist church sailed Saturday for Scotland on the steamer Furnessia. He will be absent six weeks. Mr. Connell was formerly a waiter on the Norwich line of steamers.

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PRATT-FROSS-In Oakland, Cal., July 15th, Arthur Griswold Pratt, of Hartford, Conn., and Ella M. Fross, of Oakland

DIED.

FULLERTON-In this city. July 25th, Emma W. Fullerton, daughter of the late Rev. Robert S. Fullerton, in the 28th year of her age.

KINGSLEY-In New York, on Sunday, July 28, Eli F. Kingsley, of New York, formerly of New Haven.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

TUTTLE-At his home in East Haven, July 27th, entered into rest, Jesse Tuttle, in the 83d year of his age.

Funeral services at the Episcopal Church in East Haven at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

WHITTEMORE-Suddenly, July 25th, at the residence of his son, in Rye, N. Y., Rev. William Howe Whittemore, in the 88th year of his age.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOUND.

A colored female burglar, aged 12, with LOT Household Furniture and Wearing Apparel to be sold at auction, corner Dixwell avenue and Eaton street, Tuesday, July 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m. to pay charges.

127 plt

Board of Aldermen.

& colored accomplice of about the same age, undertook to rob the house of Sarah Feeley, in East Bridgeport, the other night.

Miss Feeley grappled with the burglar, To the Sheriff of the City of New Haven who escaped by running rapidly no the for ligh

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No. 3 White Oats..

Spring Bran.

Fine Middlings, bulk.

Cotton Beed Meal.

Chicago Gluten....

HAY.

No. 1 Timothy (old).

No. 2 Timothy (old).

Clover Mixed (old).

No 1 Timothy (new)

No 2 Timothy (new).

Clover Mixed (new).

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Long Rye.

Short Rye.....

Wheat..

[AD] \$17.75

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dares show her skin.

Summer's fancy for showy black hats

and manufactured by G. R.

23.00 promises to be carried along till late into Eddy & Bro.,

Bro., Saratoga

21.00 the autumn, and the picturesqueness of Springs, New York.

Small Large

Bales. Bales.

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the newest headgear of this sort is quite

up to the earlier standards. It makes it

It's a healthful candy, made

18 00 mer hat into fall, no owners of short

[AD] \$30.00 all the more practicable to wear the sum from Saratoga natural spring

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A fall model is Water, assorted flavors.

shown here, in black straw, its brim

curled up at the edge and its moderately

Put up in half pound pack-

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high crown narrowing toward the top. ages-12 1-2c. a package. It

[AD] \$12.00 318.00 Twisted rose pink and black shot ribbon is endorsed by physicians.

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Loulavilla'n Big Berpent.

(New York Sun.)

anciroles the crown and forms three loops on each side, if two Ostrich tips are placed in front of the loops, the tips curling toward the center, and are held feathers are put in back, their tips nodding over the crown.

Burnham's Beef, Wine and
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Residents of Lawville, a small vil-in place by jet buttons, and three more Iron is a healthful and bracing tonic. A pint bottle of
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rounds for some time, but no one has bicycle, golfing and severe street wear, the worsted counter.
roney and Charles Pitts, two employees theater, racing and coaching hats, except Books.
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snake in the act of swallowing a full-saller hat is a three-inch brim topped by place in town to buy books.
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lowed rabbit and darted into what ap- sailor that parches dismally on a girl's
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peared to be a ground-hog hole under- bump of love-of-aprobation and proclaims and we set the
neath a large pile of boulders near the her to have more vanity than good taste. low as we see fit
regardless

To-morrow this column will be composed of the publishers' prices.

Some of them:

entirely of notes that will be of particular
interest to housekeepers.

track. The men attempted to remove
the stones and secure the snake, but
they were too large to be handled with-
out machinery. The men describe the
snake as being mottled, light and dark
brown; its length from twelve to fifteen

At Narragansett-Amy-"How

feet, and its diameter from six to eight your flancee, the Darl. Axed for money?'
from a circus which went through here pose."-Puck.

inches; it is thought to have escaped Maud-"Over his coronet in debt, I cup-
this spring. A systematic effort will be
made to capture it.

A Good Old Story Revived.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

The "Frankfort Capital" tells the fol-

lowing story of Uncle Bish Bénson, a colored Methodist preacher who lived down south, and commends the policy of the reverend gentleman to the democracy speakers about to take the stump in Kentucky. "During & great revival of religion, a white preacher came along evangelizing. He said to Uncle Bish: What is the main sin in this congregation, drunkenness, stealing, loose morals, or what? I want to touch them up on it a bit.'

"Look-a-here, now, Marse Gilford, Uncle Bish protested, 'don't talk on dat Bort ob ting at all. I was gist a gittin' dem people het up, and now you wants to frow cold water on de meetin'.'- No. alr, jist lam' baste on playin' ob de fiddle, lack of Christian spirit an' sich rousement. Dem things you 'low to as dat; den we kin et up a powerful speak about is to pussonal, sir, too pussonal.'

MISCELLANEOUS.

SYRUP & FIGS

ONE ENJOYO

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Both the method and results when Byrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys. Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually dianale

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The Three Graces, cloth, by The Duchess, \$1.15.

Chiffon's Marriage, cloth, by Gyp. 290.

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Bos, Myrtle and Peat, cloth, by B.
A Spoilt Girl, paper, by Florence
Warden, 260.
Too Late Repented, paper, by Mra,
Forrester, 350.
A Magnificent Young Man, paper, by
John Strange Winter, 15c.
When His Love Grow Cold, paper,
by Laura Jean Libby, 200.
Feather Boas:
Dress Trimmings.
Any price you'd like to
pay for Feather Boas.
[AD] \$4.70 and 3.
Half yard lengths \$2.25, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4,
One yard lengths for \$25, \$3.00 and
upwards.
One and a quarter yard lengths, \$3.50,
[AD] \$9.25, \$12. \$13.00 to as high as you like.
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A Vegetarian Feast.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL NOTES. antber of

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The old Marquis of Londonderry, who is now nearly

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a fine woman,, will like to display her stout person and

her splendid diamonds at the Court of Vienna; so, if he can get the appointment, Londonderry will be happy to accept, even though his doing so must involve the necessity of another mortgage.

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A SNAKE STORY.-Lieut. HERNDON has recently pub-
lished a work on the Exploration of the Valley of the
We have not seen it, but learn that it abounds
Amazon.

in tough stories. The following snake story, with the
comments of the Washington Globe, will do:
Mr. HERNDON tells a capital snake story, by way of
seasoning, which he repeats on no less authority than
that of Rev. Father VERNAZZA, who wrote it as late as
the year 1845. It is of a monstrous serpent about the
river Pastanza, forty-five feet long and five and a half
(two varas) thick. The good father says he killed one
himself of that size. This snake takes its prey by suc-
tion, drawing the man, or bird, or beast, into his jaws at
the distance of forty or fifty yards, by the mere force of
inhalation. "It is almost impossible," says our author,
"to doubt a story told with this minuteness of detail."
He does doubt the two veras of diameter, however, and
we doubt still further the length, the diameter, and the
inbaling of the prey. It is but the reproduction of a
very old snake story, told two hundred years ago, or
thereabouts, by the good and credulous missionaries of
those times, who seemed not to have been aware that
they were recording nothing but gross Indian exaggera-
tions and lies. Father VERNAZZA must have dreamed
this, or has been tempted to add another chapter to the
wonderful things recorded by Baron MUNCHAUSEN.
SPECIAL NOTICES.

Old Age.
Among the complaints, incident to persons in the more advanced
stages of life, are Indigestion, Prostration of the Nervous System,
Physical and Mental Debility. There are in many cases, such a
derangement of the nervous system, that they find it impossible
to obtain the amount of spirit nature demands. Nyers' Rock
TERK-\$100 and over, th
Under \$100 cash.

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MERCHANTS,

Rose, by imparting rigor to the blood, and through that to all parts TNTS, BUIL
of the system, removes all these difficulties. The feeble patient be-
comes hearty, and all the functions perform their office, harmoni-
ously. Bee the following certificate:

I hereby certify that my mother-in law, Mrs Brown, has been an
Invalid for twenty years; affected with nervous and general debill.
ty, and cough. For the past six weeks she had not passed a night
without severe coughing spasms, until two weeks ago; she then
commenced taking Myer's Rock Rose, a table spoonfull before each
meal, and one at retiring; since that time, her sleep has been quiet,
and her cough has entirely subsided. We feel encouraged to hope
that a remedy is at hand to restore her to comfortable health.
New Haven, Conn., April 1st, 1859.

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Manufacturers cash price
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Daily Commercial Register
Sandusky, Ohio
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Main street.

neil was a Roman Catho ic, and died kissing a cross.

District Court of the District of Colombia, who has the
power to reverse the decisions of the Commissioner of
Patents, has decided that both Prof. Moree and Mr. Bain

On Monday the President, with his Cabinet, received are entitled to patents for the Telegraphs which
they

the salutations of the Representatives of Foreign Pow-lave invented. The ground on which he basee
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ors resident in Washington. They were thirty two incision is, that neither a principle nor an effect can be
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may each be patented, and that the two inventions in
question are sufficiently distinct to entitle each to s
patent.

gives this account of the interview:

The Address, on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps was
delivered by the oldest member of that corps present,
Gen. Don Carlos Mario de Alvear, Minister Plenipoten-
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Marriages.

A New Haven, on the 4th inst., Mr. Johamah Gun
caths.

Maria Hubbard.

At Portland, on the 10th inst., Mrs. Eliza A. lis,
ag wife of Joel Hall, Esq.

tiary and Extraordinary of the Argentine Confederation, borg, while dressing a few days since, stuck the
point the lat year of his age.

Mr. William B. Searle, a respectable citizen of Pitto-Middletown, on the 6th inst, Thomas Maker. Eaq
in the following terms:

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Mr. PRESIDENT: The Diplomatic Corps accredited to hehus been racked with excrutiating patos. The
the Government of the United States, has the honor. Gazette says that faint hopes are entertained of
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through me, to express to the Chief Magistrate of this covery.

Republic their sincere congratulations on his recentelec
tion to the Presidency, which they are profoundly con
vinced will redound to the honor and happiness of the
great people over whom you have been called to preside;
and that those relations of peace and friendly inter-|
From the Louisville Courier.

The Great Russellville Snake.

A friend has communicated to us a enuke story which
of an immense susko, which had been seen at different

A Weerunwn. Feb. 201h. Mrs Mary Warren, aged
wow of the late Edward Warren.

At Danbury, n the 6th inat., Airs. Elizabeth, wife of se
phen Norris aged 75,

ArSt Louis, Mo., Feb. 20th, Mrs. Eliza A. Purcell
49 daughter of the late Hon. Natban Smith, of New Have
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Per Committen

we think worth recording In July last, there was "great are at the Centre School House, on Tuesday
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March 27th, to hear the report of their Congressional ad
course which now so happily exist between the United excitement" in and about Russellville, in this
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honor to represent will be preserved and perpetuated to times by various credible witnessca. The
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on our part to contribute to so desirable a rosult.

may be well assured, sir, that nothing shall he wanting some two miles from Russellville, on the farm of
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fold gentleman, who was much annoyed by visitants in

We profit of this occasion, Mr. President, to express

to you our most cordial wishes for your health and quest of fish and blackberries.

happiness.

from the city-

FURNITURE, &c.

LARGE AUCTION MALE of HOUSE101.D

SATURDAY, March 17th, at 10 A. M., will be sol!

the Auction Store, the effects of families removing

Various and contradic-

Segretaries with glass doors, Imahogany Bafa or Lounge

thry reports were related as to the description, size, &c.)

of the monster: some giving it as their opinion that it nogany Dining and Tea Tables, 12 carved Chairs
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To which address the President replied:

was the veritable cea serpent, which was making a tour Tales, enclosed Wash Stands, I handsome
Brussels?

GENTLEMEN : I accept, with lively satisfaction, the of the continent, while others were sure it was a dry

& Belanda, Beds, 10 Jarge Spreads, maple and woul sex

congratulations which you have been pleased to tender land reptile of the rattle breed, as they had

heard the Chan, Hockers, Tables, Hair Matresses, Mantel Clocks

Carpets, 4 Mirrors. Turn up Bedstead, Crockery, Fe

You may be assured that it shaking of its mighty tail hundreds of yards off. Some

sball bo my undeviating endeavor to cultivate with the contended it was as long as a clothes line, and as

big as a Boxes, Ivory and Cocoa Knives and Forks, Sideboard

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yearling calf, while others of less vivid imagination repre-ex Bureaus, 6 new Coats, &c. &c.

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B. & W. HUDSON, Auris

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to me upon this occasion.

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In this I shall be

guided by the cardinal policy of this Government, and,

I doubt not, cheered by your kind and zealous co-operation.

If stormy sale first fair day.

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without his dog, whom it was supposed anakey had we will please to send us a list of the articles before
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Permit me also to offer to you, individually, my best encountered and swallowed raw.'

A young negro nesday morning

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The PRESIDENT was then presented individually to firmly believed he had followed in the footsteps" of
AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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Tuesday, March 27th, 1849, will be sold at

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him. Dining and Breakfast Tables. Dressing Table

complimentary address, to which tho PRESIDENT made and armed hunters sought him, but all in vain.

At Burda, Looking Glasses, Solar Lamp, Glass Lamp Cas

the following reply:-

length one day two negroes, who had been in search of lot of Crockery. Knives and Forks Parlor and C the monster. discovered him lying across a fence wear his Stores, Iron, Stone and Tin Ware, &c. &c. in his favorite black berry patch, which he seemed to guard

article useful in house-keeping.

with as much interest as if he was the owner thereof.- Every article will be sold, as the family interest

It shall be my constant endeavor, during my administration- One of the darkies, feeling probably that familiarity

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tration of the Executive Government, to cultivate and breeds contempt" kept a long way off, and raising him in the sale.

The Furniture can be examined the day previous

perpetuate by all honorable means friendly relations gun "fired and fell back." The other, having moral with Brazil, and to develop still further the great commerce, approached within some twenty yards and let off

Sale commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., rain or shine.

G. HOWELL OLMSTED. A

mercial intercourse between the two nations.

his double-barrel which took effect in the reptile's head.

It in consequence

firmly believed that the Government of Brazil will on They immediately put off to town to relate their achievements-

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Suspending Operations in the Coal Mines.

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around, and began a minute examination of the monster.

At a meeting of the coal operators, held this afternoon

it was resolved to suspend, mining coal for three weeks About this time a horrid oath burst from Sama
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or until all the purchasers in the city agree to pay two roar of laughter arose from the crowd-and the
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Delavan, Win, Aug 15 The greatest excitement has prevailed here this week, caused by the monster serpent seen by a Highland man near Nelson's Har. The fortunate escape of the man from naiquo destruction was miraculous, and he is the hero of the hour.

He came in one evening about 8 o'clock, pale, breathless, and dripping and drop exhausted in the midst of a group of men on the Highland lawn. After assiduous attentions on the part of the men he was revived sufficiently to be able to tell his story
bother

He said he was just pulling away from the Nelson shore, where he had been fishing, when he saw "a glowing green phosphorescent light come up out of the water. Some distance off he thought it was a lantern on the diving platform and dived his head about it, but presently another one appeared, and then, to his horror, a krait which became distinct, and he saw that the green, glowing lights were the eyes belonging to a fearful creature.

Little by little the body appeared, until at last it lay stretched out a hideous reptile, five feet wide and forty feet long. Those terrible eyes were set in a mammoth, horn-like head, with an enormous mouth but no teeth.

Its tapering body was covered with glistening yellow scales that shone like brass. It was jointed, and it could contract or elongate those scale-like joints after the manner of a telescope.

When the mammoth saw the Highland man it went into such a convulsion of rage that the water was churned into foam for a quarter of a mile. It fixed those glowing eyes on the poor man in the boat, who, paralyzed with terror, thought his minutes were numbered.

Then the serpent began some queer evolu-

tlona. The Highland man could not make out for a long time what the creature was about. It lashed the lake with its tremendous body and wriggled about until it described a perfect circle in the water

Then

It took its tail between its jaws and, to the horror of the Highland man, began to contract. Then its purpose became apparent. The boat and the intended victim were in the center of the circle formed by the serpent, and the poor Highlander saw that the reptile meant to contract until

it had crushed the victim, who was an exceedingly unwilling party to the contract. Smaller and smaller grew the hideous, deadly circle, nearer and even nearer it approached the doomed boat, and greater and greater grew the horror of the encircled man.

Nerved to desperation, he last made a powerful effort and for a moment threw off the spell cast upon him by the glowing eye of the serpent. Rising weakly to his feet he plunged headlong into the water, dived beneath the hideous body, and swam for his life. He was not too quick, for when he stopped long enough to catch his breath he heard a horrid, crunching sound, and looking back he saw that where the boat had been

a great mass of ash splinters floated on the water.

He did not wait to see what happened next, but struck out for the shore at Cedar Point and ran from there every step of the way to Highland.

His story, which was apparently corroborated by his appearance and condition, caused the greatest consternation among the Highlanders. Steamer and yachting parties, scheduled for that evening were postponed, and lovers in boats, loitering on the lovely Inke in the delicious cool of the evening, were hastily called in.

There were unbelievers, however. Some of the men said they had on occasions seen serpents which had afterwards proven to be fragments of a diseased imagination, and Mr. Charles Sage was deputed to investigate

and, if possible, find the ash splinters
Accordingly, he went to the bar himself,
wisely by land, next evening at dusk and
really saw the green, phosphorescent eyes
The body did not as
That settled 11.

and the man's veracity was indubitably vindicated. The Delavan Lake serpent is an actual horror.

A number of committees have visited the bar on confirmation bent this week Nome have seen the head, others the yellow scaled body, but as yet none have been held it in its complete hideousness, nor did the first man. The women are afraid to let the children take their daily dip or go out on the water in boats, and even the men have some misgivings as to the safety of fishing in the locality now made famous Accordingly, next week a committee of the bravest Highlanders will go forth, Theseus like, to lay the monster. He will be halted with a nitroglycerine pill. or, that failing, will be sent through to Chinn by the dynamite route
A BIG SNAKE.

SHOOTING A TWENTY-SIX FOOT SERPENT IN THE ISLAND OF TRINIDAD.

Trinidad Letter to Pittsburg Despatch: There are in Trinidad and on the adjoining mainland two classes of serpents of colossal size. One, the macaon, python, or boa-constrictor, as it is variously named, lives on land.

The other, the bouille, or anaconda, frequents deep rivers. Both attain a large size, but the anaconda and swamps bouille, which is now almost extinct in Trinidad, lurking probably only in the deepest recesses of the forests, is cinct with more mysterious terrors on the banks and abysmal haunts. Travelers through the forest have sometimes sat on its dark-colored body when it lay asleep, gorged with a deer or other victim, mistaking it for the trunk of a tree fallen in the bush. It has been shot on some of these occasions. And there is a story related of two ladies, the daughters of a well-known Trinidad gentleman, who, walking one day by the banks of a river, were astonished to see a huge snake uncoil part of its body from the stem overhanging the river and dart at

which they, however, escaped,
but not without one of them leaving a largo
part of her dress in the terrible fangs of the
monster.

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About 10 o'clock Antonio suddenly
bade the osman stop, and calling for silence
whispered that he had seen some agitation in
the water about one hundred yards ahead. We
were now nil eyes and ears, and my heart for
one was beating like the piston of a steam en-
ine. For here in the nineteenth century w3
were about to meet with a monster approxl-
mating to those of the romantic middle ages.
Jones looked supremely happy, and though
the medieval aspect may not have struck him,
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reached. Antonio then or-
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dered the oarsmen to row gently on for about
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uttion at a glance.

the disturbance had not continued it was not
a waicipool, but must be some large animal.
While he was talking something black, but un-
distinguishable in suape, rose over the urineo
at the spot in question, and a deep hiss was
borne over the water, just as if a beam of red-
not iron had been suddenly plunged into tho
stream. There is no mistaking it now," said
Antonio, "it is the houille." The shape bad
disappeared below the water almost us sudden-
We next advanced to
ly as it had appeared.

within twenty yards of the spot where the on-
ster bad sown itself, with our four rifles ob-
quely pointed at the Furlace. For about ten
In uutes we waited in brenthiers suspense.
thed time the water was agitated in the same
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his head turned away from us in the direction
of the land, where, perhaps, he was about to
seck his prey, the houi le slowly upraised its
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thing uncanny" in the situation, and for it
moment we felt incapable of acting-until at
a word from Antonio we aimed and tired. There
was a wild spring in the air, a series of enraged

hisses, convulsive struggles in the water lasted some distance round, and the into login for houille reared with menacing aspect as 11 to dart at our boat and annulate us! But W Our second volley went were ready for him. off like a single shot, and the monster dropped) loosely on the water. His dying quivers and the force of the current brought him again; the bank, where he became entangled in the, submerged roots of SOP overhanging trees. We approached him cautiously, and after firing & quietus shot in his brain, set to work to bait him to land. He was a tire specimen, twenty-six feet long and twenty-four inches round the thickest part. Of our shots two had penetrated his brain, three the vertebral column; the latter probably contributing most of all to disable him. His color was a dark brown, resembling that of the bark of an aged tree. His eyes were about the size of a 320 piece, but? almond shaped, and were fixed in a stony, hateful glare.

water.

into the depths of the forest. A number of residents of the district, armed with guns, to whose ranks now accessories were continually coming. began to scour the country after the snake, among them Joso Concepcion and Paul Legrand Sr., fathers of two child victims, on whose grim features was written a quenchless determination to wreak vengeance deep and dire on the fendish serpent. Dogs were liberally used in the hunt, but as often as the scent was obtained and followed for a short distance some stream would disconcert the hopes of the pursuers. A tendency was noticed, however, on the part of the many tracks to show an unmistakable direction toward the mountains north of Arinn!

The wildest and most absurd rumors now began to be propagated about the doings and victims of the snake. He was given by one Cocoa contractor, who saw him gliding off with his favorite pig, at least one hundred feet. But it was gathered from Catherine Legrand, who had seen him at close quarters on the occasion of the carrying off her child. that he must be something between forty and fifty feet long. It was also surmised from

the Imperfect description she gave of the approximate color, rings, and spots of the anake that it was a survivor of the extinct race of gigantic Hullins or local anacondas, occasionally to be met with in the old days in the Oropouche, Arima, and other rivers of the island.

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"The excitement in Arima was raised to the highest pitch Tuesday when news brought thint the great serpent had been seen on the Arima hights, and that two more children, Junn Castillo and Pablo Hernandez, had been carried off by him. The report of the occurrences stated that the snake had been distinctly reen on the two occasions; that, consequent on the alarm given on the rat occasion, the people were on the qui vive, and that a hunter, Emmanuel Calderon, had twice fired with shot into the reptile as it had harf swallowed the crushed body of young Hernandez, but with the only effect of has-debing his progress in the direction of the Morne Blou or Bluo àfountain.

At 6p. l.

Thursday morning a motley cavalcade was 1000 lasting out of Arima in a northerly di- They were the Warden and his rection.

Party on their way to the Blue Mountain, in the neighborhood of which search parties had located the snake the day before. He had been 10 by one of the hunters to enter the Gua-claro caves in the hill separated by a bollow cordon had

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Dadually been formed round the hill to pre-

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Arma, whom they met on the way, further told then that he had heard that the snake had tried to issue from the caves on the thorn side, but had beat a retreat in these dangerous recesses on being greeted with a Volley. With the Warden's party were also the Colonial Secretary, Mr. McCarthy, Sergt. Gibian, the armed police from town, and Kuldes from among the residents of the Arima hights. But other parties were also on the warpath and the party received soy-oral additions on the way. From all reports It was now clear that the Hulia was at bay.

But how best to engage him and destroy him
in the deep cavities of the hill, where there
was over a rushing stream and a kind of
Stygian pool, was the exciting subject of dis-
cussion on the way.

"The following plan of campaign was,
however, finally agreed upon: He was to be
shot down when and where to be seen, and
dogs would be used to trace his exact haunt
and give notice of his coming in case of a
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the guides. Mr.

Dovenish was well acquainted with the im-
mense caves where, besides the
Guacharo, the great serpent had now taken
up his abode. These caves, like many others
in this island, had long been known to be
inhabited by the gloomy Guacharo or Diabolo-
fin. It was also said that besides their hav-
ing entrances in each side of the mountain,
a foaming waterfall existed in the concavi-
ties of the interior, at the foot of which was
large pool, the waters of which were after-
ward supposed to flow through dark and
sinuous subterranean passages to become on
the level of the valley a tributary or perhaps
the head waters of the Arima itself. These
hidden waters of the Guacharo caves were
something like the African river of which
Job 14 said:

"The Leambhi nobody knows

Whence it comes and whither it goes.'

"The Warden's party having reached the
caves and another large party holding the
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erns as far as the light of day penetrated.
TERRORIZED BY A SNAKE. preceded by a couple of dogs held in leash
EXTRAORDINARY STORY FROM TRINI-
DAD A MONSTROUS REPTILE.

and

It Devoured Gnats, Figs, Donkeys,
Finally Carried Off Several Children-
Its Pursuit and Capture in the Weird
Car of Guacharo-The Monster Mons-
tered Forty-seven Feet in Length and
Had a Diameter of Two and a Half
Feet

The Port of Spain (Trinidad) Gazette of
March 30 publishes the following extraordi-
nary account of the depredations and capt-
ured a monster ■nake:

During the last two months it has been
matter of frequent complaint among the in-
habitants of the districts east and north of
Anna that their domestic animals of all
kinds were being lost in

a strange, unex-

pected manner, usually at night. Scarcely
a day seemed to pass without a goat or a pig,
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ers, Mr. John Agostini of Aripo lost
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some young cocoa cultivation of his in Tu-
rue, had lost his horse which he had left to
graze for only half an hour at a distance of
about 160 yards from the spot where he was
talking with a contractor. At first the peo-
ple of the district were inclined to lay the
blame on thieves of a novel and daring de-
scription, but the evidence soon became clear
that it was some wild monstrous animal that
was working the havoc among the stock. A

strange feature of these depredations was that no trace of blood was ever found at the spot visited, or in its neighborhood, to show sign of some struggle with a giant cayman or carnivorous beast, which the monster was at first supposed to be. Besides, no animal of the size required to carry off a horse or mule was known to exist in the island.

"In many of the cases, however, it was noticed that the ground under the cocoa trees and the forest undergrowth showed signs of having been crushed, not trampled upon, by the body of some smooth but gigantic beast. The people began to watch at night, no alarm as yet making known the passage of the monster on his raids, save the barking of dogs, a few of which had also disappeared with dismal howls. It was also noticed that the traces through the vegetation always stopped at streams, and seemed to vanish altogether after that. This feature was clearly established in the case of the Aripo, Turure, and Arima Rivers. Up to Saturday last the beast had succeeded in eluding notice, transferring his attentions to quarters unvisited by him, as if aware of the watch kept for him in those he had already visited; and the neighborhood of streams continued to be his favorite resorts from the mountains north of Arima to Turure.

"Sunday morning the inhabitants of Arica were thrown into consternation by the news that three children had disappeared in the ward of Guanapo during the last week and they were supposed to have become the victims of the raiding monster. Their names were given as Maria Concepcion, Marc Antoine, and Carmen Baptiste. The grief of the parents and relatives of the missing children was described as heartrending in the extreme. Mr. Harragin, the Warden, accompanied by the magistrate and others, hastened at once to visit the scenes of the casualties. The news was telegraphed to Port of Spain, and the Warden was instructed by the Governor to continue his efforts to track the monster, especially by collecting an armed posse and instituting an energetic pursuit.

"Later in the afternoon news was brought from Aripo that two children, Paul and Ros0 Legrand, brother and sister, had been lost,

one Saturday and one that morning. In this instance the mother had been ino [terror-stricken eye-witness of the carrying off of her little boy aged 3 years. It seems that while sitting in a state of semi-stupor mourn- by guides.

for some

minutes us the party stumbled their way over the rough rocks save the murmur of the fall and the mournful half screech of the dismal Guacharo bird, so expressively rendered by the Spanish word 'llante.' But as they drew nearer the pool at the foot of the waterfall the dogs began to get excited and evince a decided inclination to run back.

There was sufficient light streaming through the entrances to distinguish pretty clearly all objects in the interior in the direct line of the entrances. The party halted both on account of the unruly disposition of the dogs and because one of the guides stated he had seen something moving in the pool.

"With rifles cocked all eyes were now fixed upon the pool. The dogs now began to howl, and whether the noise roused the terrible occupant of the caves or he otherwise became aware of the existence of the party, the head of a monstrous snake suddenly appeared on the surface of the pool, and two large and lustrous eyes became fixed with diabolical gleam on the intruders. An angry hiss, like the plunging of a red-hot beam into the pool, issued from the undecorous head. A muttered signal, and a volley rang with reverberating echoes through the caves. Large stones fell upon the jagged roof, and the startled Guncharos flew wildly in all directions, uttering their dismal screech. The Huila had not been killed by the bullets aimed at his head.

With great rapidity he

seemed to uncoil his length from the depths of the pool, and with fully twenty-five feet of his body raised and curved forward as if to dart at his assailors he seemed to be emerging from the pool.

"A few whispered words notified half the party to aim at his head and the other half at the central part of his body. The second volley produced the desired effect. The colossal snake leaped wholly out of the pool and with a few terrible convulsions, in which

he lashed the water und the floor of the cav. ern, ho sunk quivering to the ground, a third volley for a quietus insuring his certain death. This fuct was then made sure of and the caves were soon invaded by the pursuers.

The monster was dragged out into the level and found to measure forty-seven feet, the thickest part of his body having a diameter of two and a half feet. In color he was yellow in the under, Dart of Dis body, dark above, with dark rings encircling the body, between which semi-lunar gray disks served as spots to variegate the skin. He was opened by the machetas of some cocoa pruners under the direction of Mr. McCarthy. In him there were found the half-digested body of a deer and a number of forma pauperis forins, probably swallowed by him with the body of some unknown and unfortunate cocoa contractor. By 6:30 p. m. the joyful concourse, dragging the monster, reached Arima, where the necessary steps were taken to preserve the carcass for display in the council hall of Port of Spain. The exciting occurrences connected with this monster are still the subject of general discussion and gossip. The island has not for a long time been disturbed by tragic incidents of this extraordinary nature."

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